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レイン軍が手薄のシャンドリス王都へ進軍中!?
報告を聞き、フォルニーアは軍を二分し、
シング・セイル・ジュンナ軍を追撃に回す！
激闘の舞台は「枯れ谷」へ！
いよいよ、シャンドリスとレインが激突!!!

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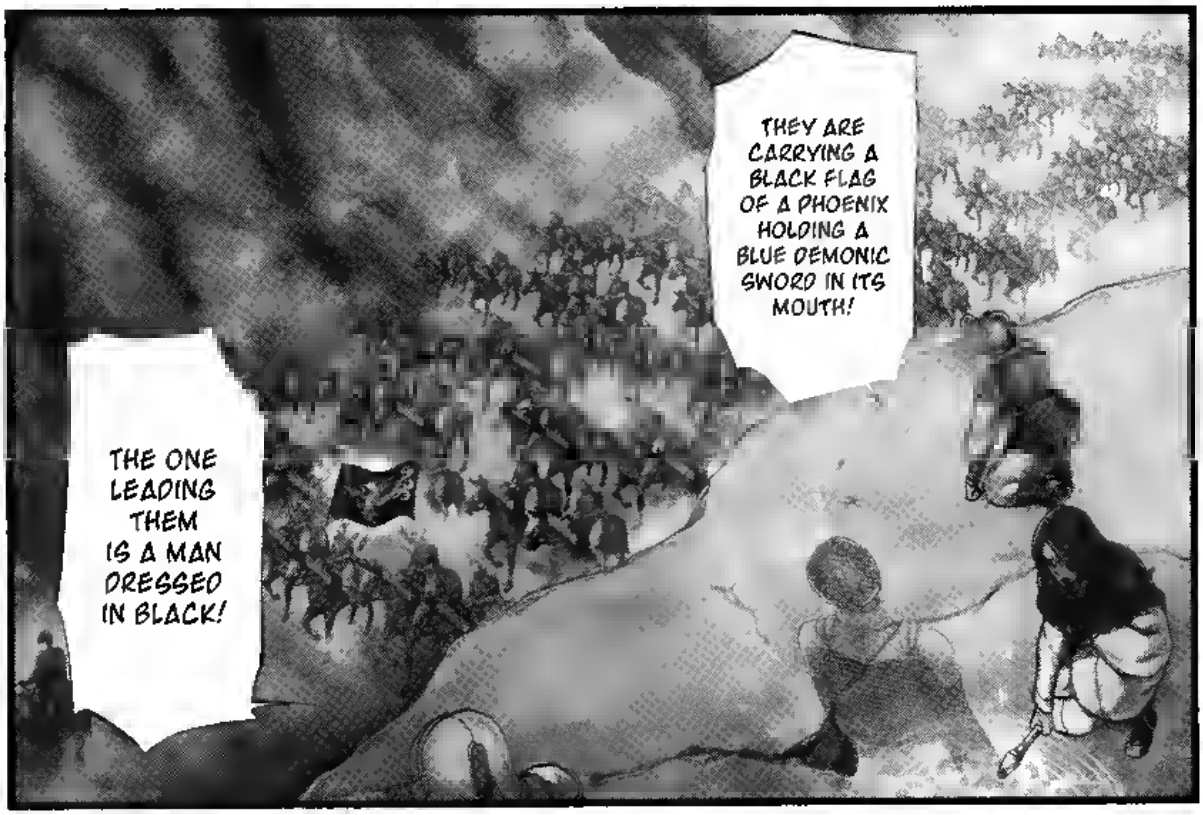
3 days after departure.
Just outside Death Valley.
FROM OUR SCOUTS!
THEY HAVE SPOTTED THE ENEMY MAKING A DETOUR AROUND THE FORTRESS AT THE NATION'S BORDER.
THEY NUMBER AROUND TWO THOUSAND.


THEY ARE CARRYING A BLACK FLAG OF A PHOENIX HOLDING A BLUE DEMONIC SWORD IN ITS MOUTH!
THE ONE LEADING THEM IS A MAN DRESSED IN BLACK!

If only it'll go that well.

ALL RIGHT!
JUST AS LORD JOE HAD SAID...RAIN IS TARGETING THE IMPERIAL CITY!
NOW, WE CAN DEFEND THE CITY WHILE ATTACKING THEM FROM BOTH SIDES AT THE PRAIRIE BEFORE THE DEATH VALLEY.
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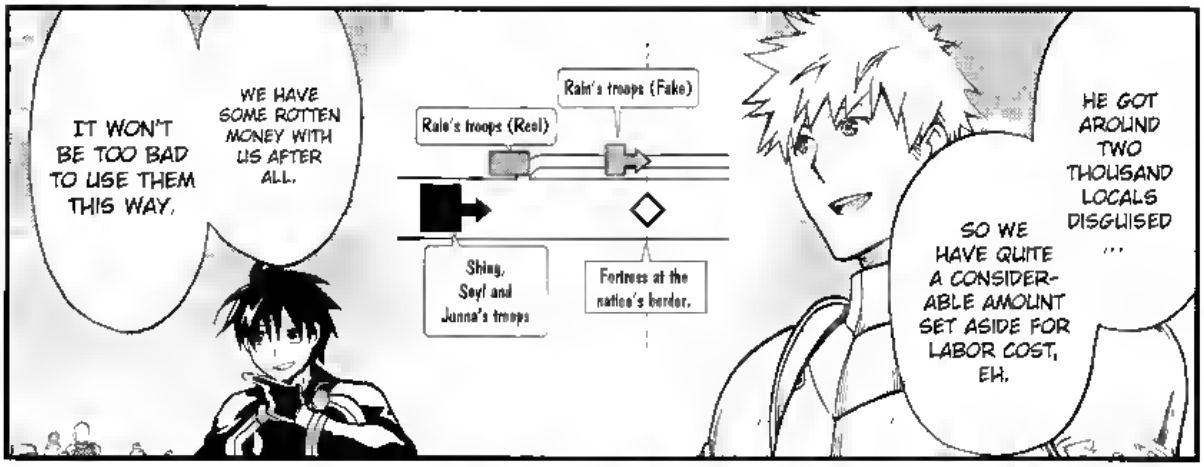
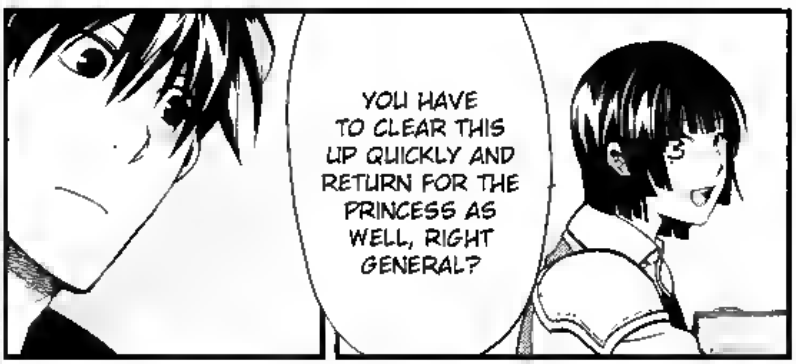
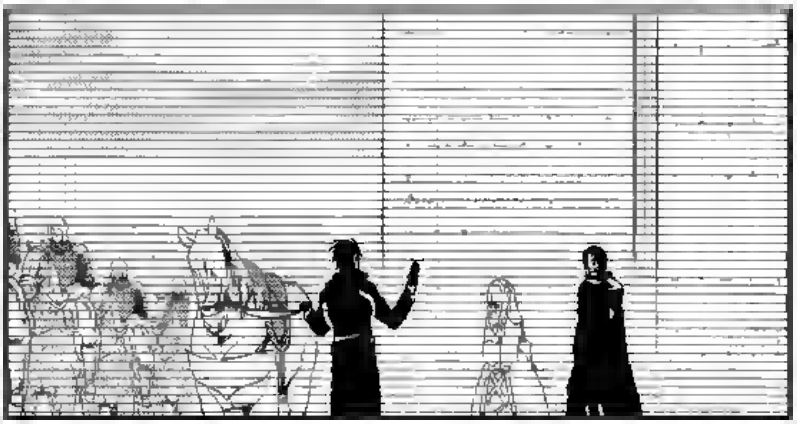
CHAPTER 23.

THE BATTLE AT DEATH VALLEY (PART 1)

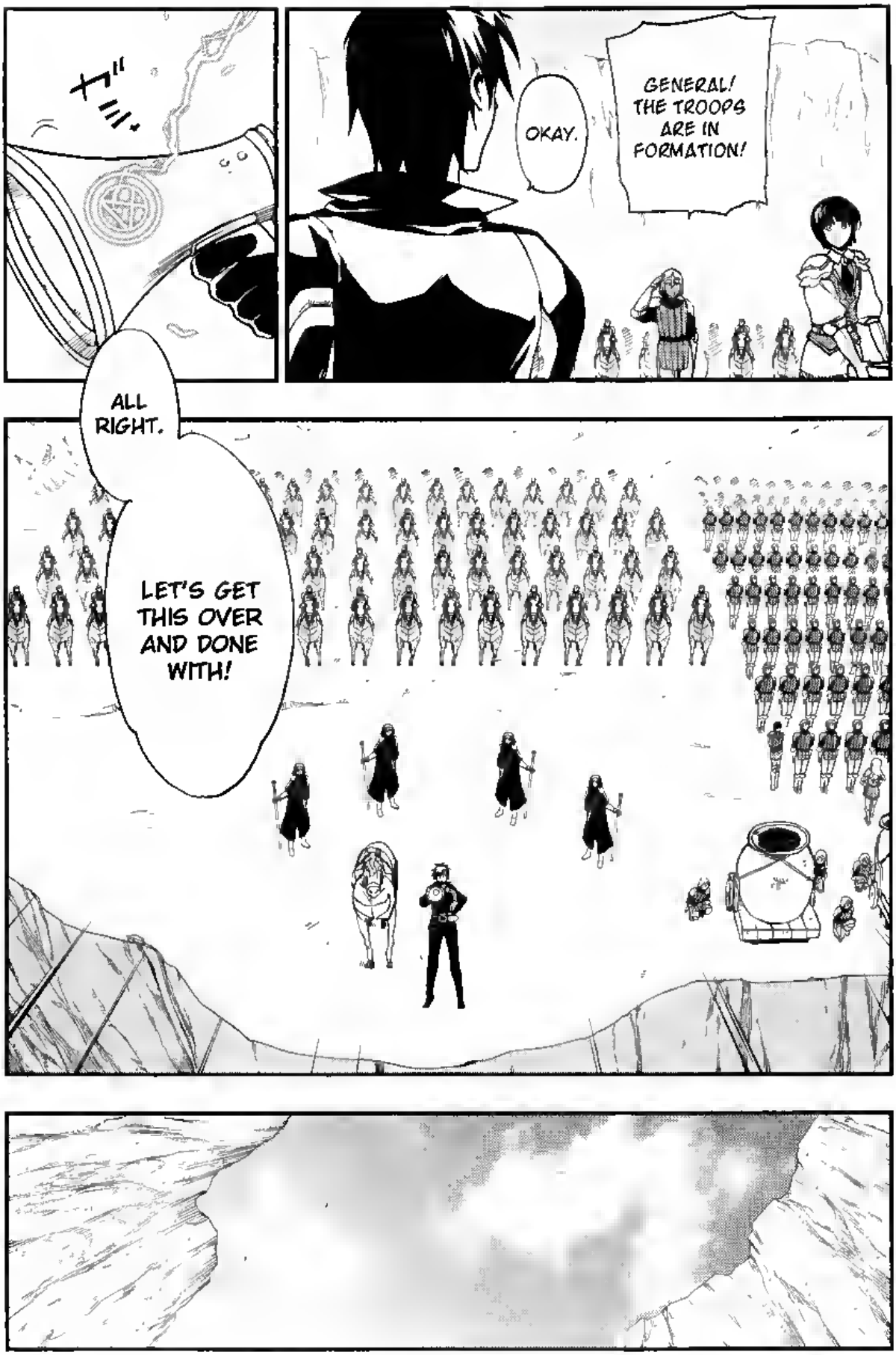
I SEE.
Halfway up towards Death Valley.
AH, AND THANKS FOR TRANSPORTING THE STUFF HERE.
YES SIR!
YES SIR!
BREAK FORMATION IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A SANDSTORM COMING.
IF YOU CAN KEEP IT THAT WAY WHILE GETTING THROUGH THE BORDER, STANDBY ONCE YOU'VE REACHED DEATH VALLEY'S EXIT.
LET'S PREPARE TO GREET THEM AS WE'VE PLANNED!
JUST AS YOU'VE HEARD ...
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE TAKEN THE BAIT AND SPLENDIDLY SPLIT THEIR FORCES INTO TWO.


IT WON'T BE TOO BAD TO USE THEM THIS WAY.
WE HAVE SOME ROTTEN MONEY WITH US AFTER ALL.
Rain's troops (Fake)
Raio's troops (Real)
Shing, Seyf and Junna's troops
Fortress at the nation's border.
SO WE HAVE QUITE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR LABOR COST, EH.
HE GOT AROUND TWO THOUSAND LOCALS DISGUISED ...


YOU HAVE TO CLEAR THIS UP QUICKLY AND RETURN FOR THE PRINCESS AS WELL, RIGHT GENERAL?



YEAH.
"The reason."
"If you do that, you'll understand."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GENERAL! THE TROOPS ARE IN FORMATION!
OKAY.
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S GET THIS OVER AND DONE WITH!

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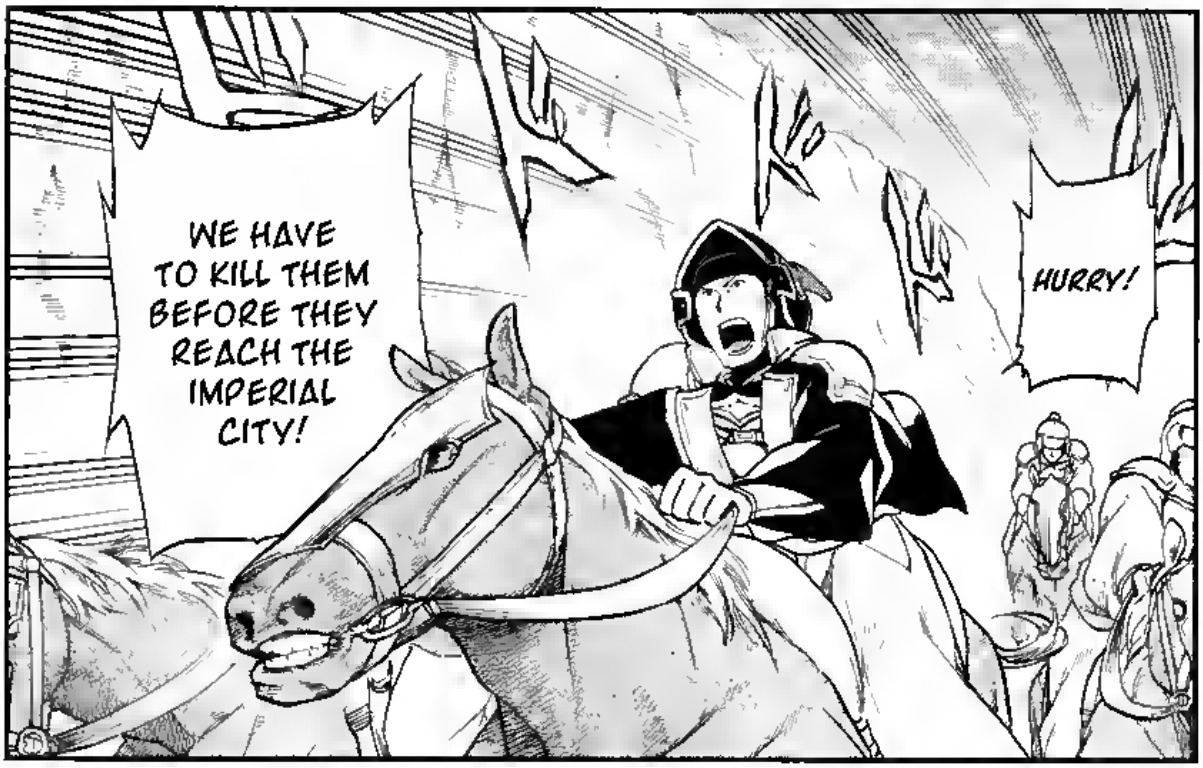
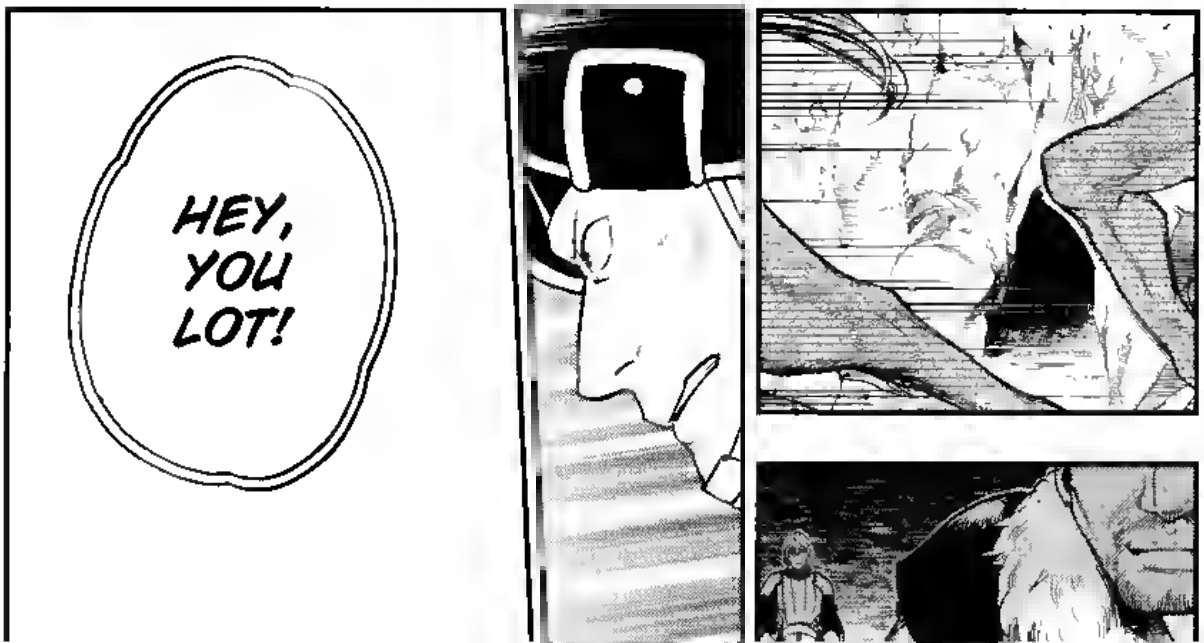

WE HAVE TO KILL THEM BEFORE THEY REACH THE IMPERIAL CITY!
HURRY!


HEY, YOU LOT!

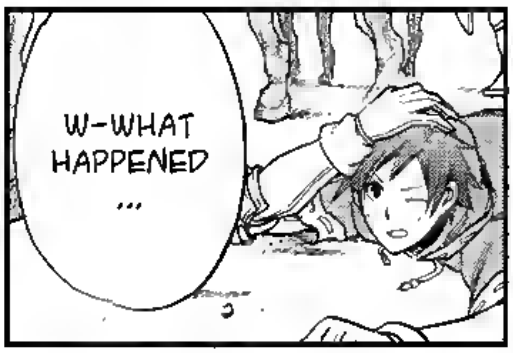
LORD RAIN !!?
YO! LONG TIME NO SEE.

IMPOSSIBLE, SHOULDN'T HE BE AT THE BORDER...
HA HA HA
WHAT ARE YOU RAMBLING ABOUT?

LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE ONE HELL OF A RAIN, EH?
IT'S FORECASTED TO RAIN BOULDERS IN THIS REGION ...
!?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL.
WELL, I DID WARN YOU ...
SO AVOID THEM, ALRIGHT?
RUN!

JUNNA!

OUR TROOPS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO ESCAPE ALL THE WAY HERE, BUT ...
WE CAN'T MOVE ON DUE TO THE EARTH AND THE BOULDERS.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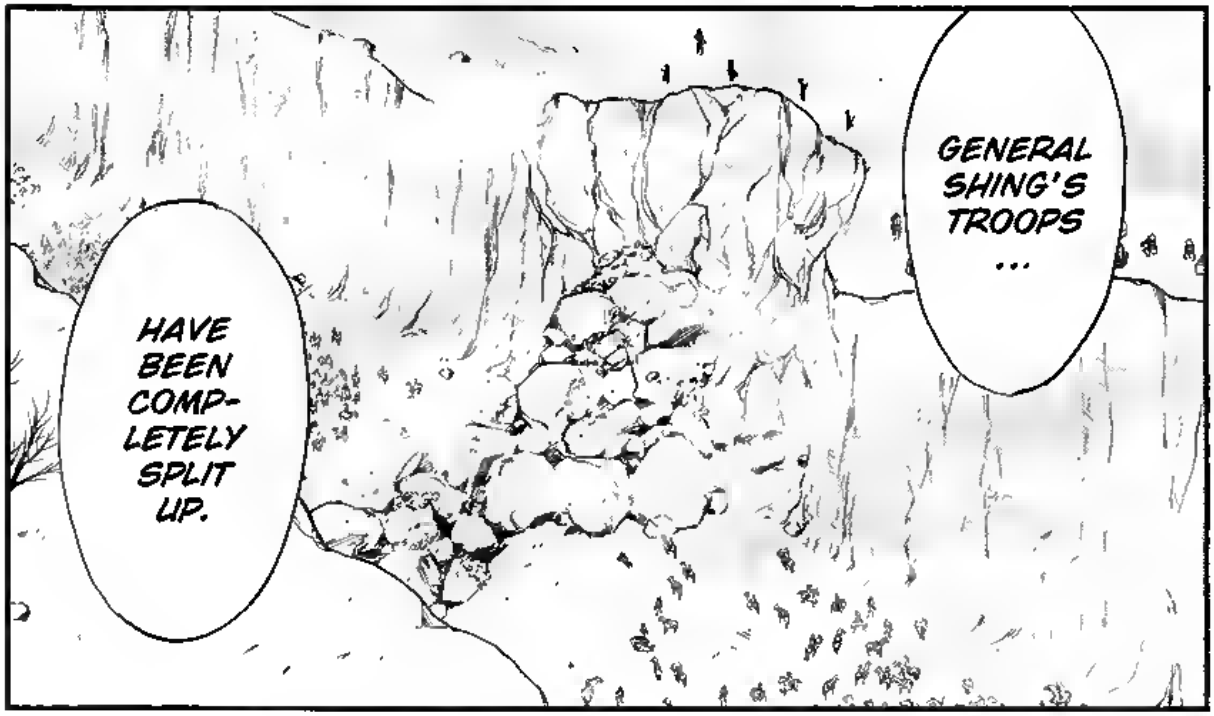
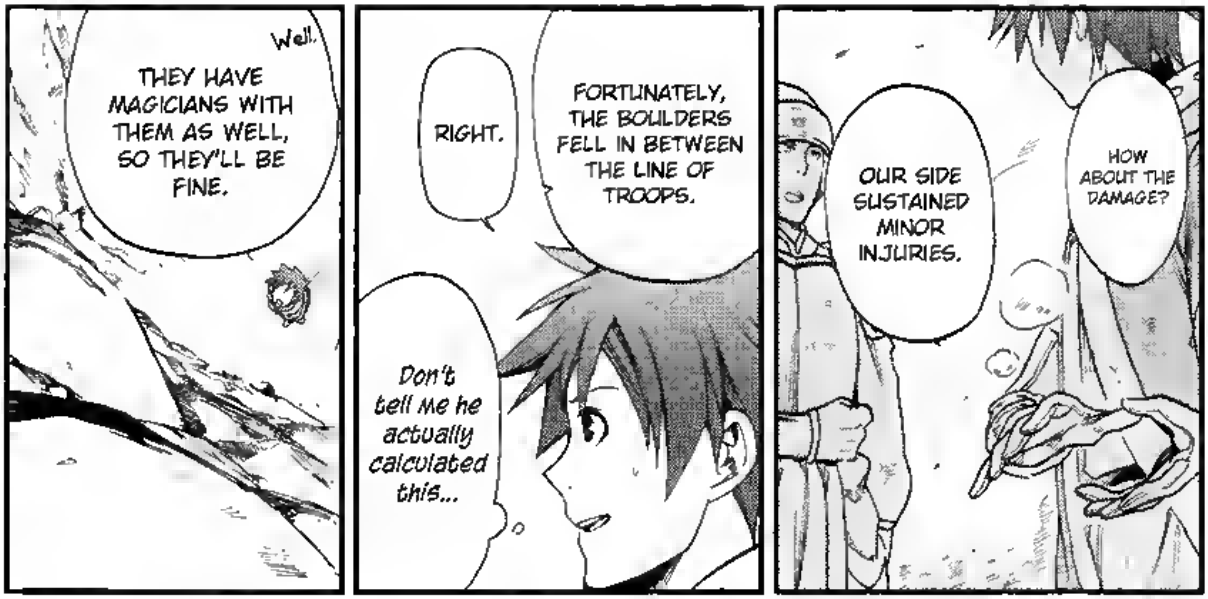
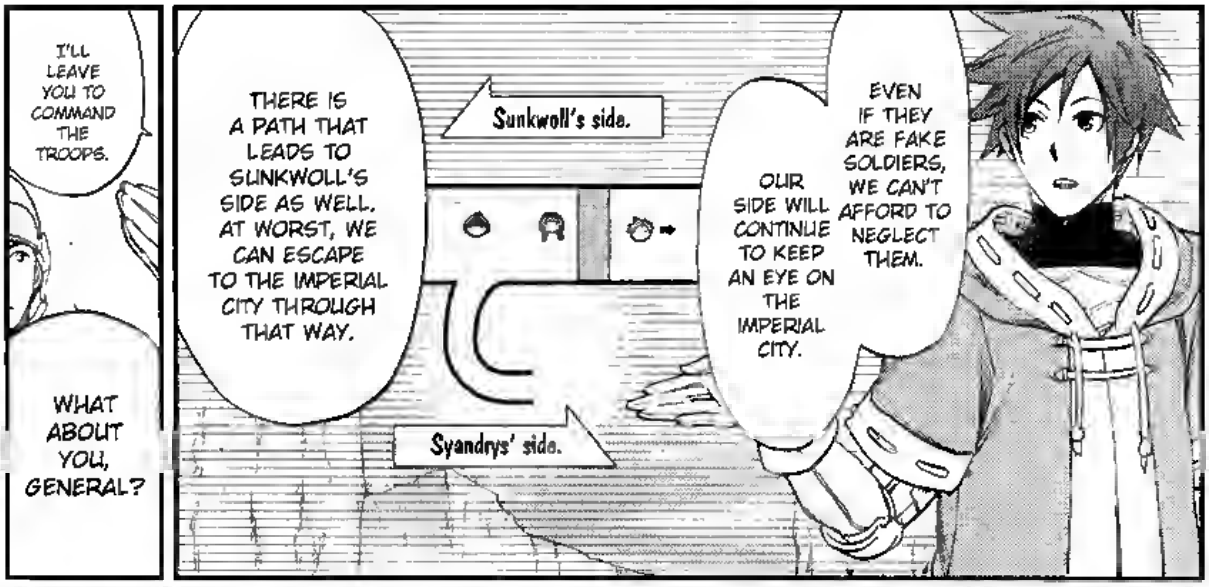

GENERAL SHING'S TROOPS ...
HAVE BEEN COMP-LETELY SPLIT UP.


Well.
THEY HAVE MAGICIANS WITH THEM AS WELL, SO THEY'LL BE FINE.
RIGHT.
FORTUNATELY, THE BOULDERS FELL IN BETWEEN THE LINE OF TROOPS.
Don't tell me he actually calculated this...
OUR SIDE SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES.
HOW ABOUT THE DAMAGE?


I'LL LEAVE YOU TO COMMAND THE TROOPS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, GENERAL?
THERE IS A PATH THAT LEADS TO SUNKWOLL'S SIDE AS WELL. AT WORST, WE CAN ESCAPE TO THE IMPERIAL CITY THROUGH THAT WAY.
Sunkwoll's side.
Syandrys' side.
OUR SIDE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE IMPERIAL CITY.
EVEN IF THEY ARE FAKE SOLDIERS, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO NEGLECT THEM.

I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE ALLOWED TO CROSS OVER TO THIS SIDE THAT EASILY.
I'LL JUST BE ASSISTING THE OTHER SIDE A LITTLE.

W...
WHAT'S THIS!?
THIS ISN'T WATER ...
THIS IS...
FIRE!
OIL !!!
DON'T TELL ME ...

R....

There are 5 magicians.

I wonder if I can defend against this alone ...

OR YOU'LL BE BURNT TO DEATH!!!
RUN!

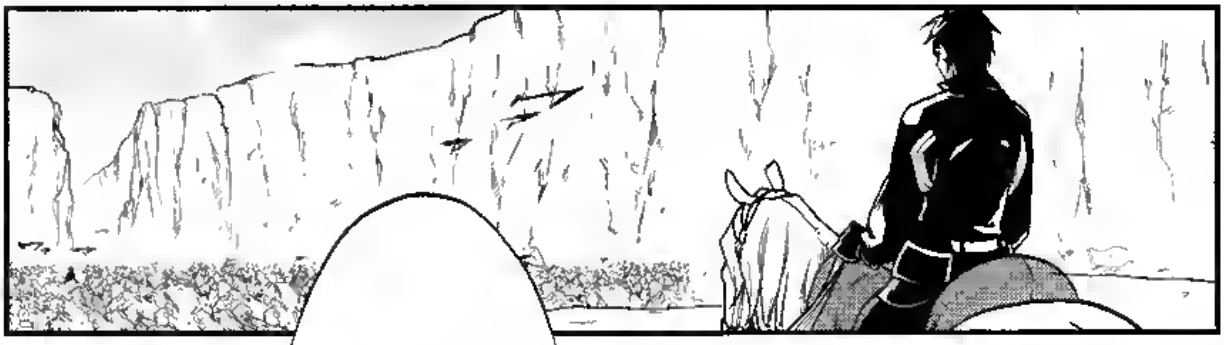
EH?
!?
JUNNA AND THE OTHERS ARE IN DANGER!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT THAT.
He can't see me?
HORSES!
!
THIS SOUND.

MU
...
GU
...
I WANT EVERYONE TO MOVE SOUTH TOWARDS THE SIDE ROAD!
But there's no other way out ...
Is this a trap...
They are clearly guiding me out!

HO!
FOR SOMEONE WHO TRIES TO INVADE ANOTHER COUNTRY WITHOUT EVEN A GREETING, YOU SURE TURN TAIL AND RUN AWAY PRETTY FAST THE MOMENT YOU LOSE YOUR NUMBERS.
THAT GUY!
IGNORE HIM!
AS EXPECTED FROM THE UNBEATABLE SYANDRYS!
SUCH A CAUTIOUS AND DELICATE BEHAVIOR.. THAT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING I CANNOT DO!
THERE'S NO NEED TO PLAY ALONG WITH HIM.
HE'S TRYING TO MAKE US STAY BY PROVOKING US.

WE JUST HAVE TO BE AWARE OF THE TROOPS AT OUR REAR AND THE SIDE PATH AHEAD OF US.
SO WE SHOULDN'T BE WASTING OUR EFFORTS.
IF WE ACT IMPRUDENTLY WITH SUCH A CLOSE FORMATION, WE MIGHT END UP ATTACKING EACH OTHER.

HE MAY BE A GENIUS SWORDSMAN BUT AS LONG AS HE STAYS AT THE BACK, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.



SINCE HE'S ON TOP OF THAT CLIFF, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY WINGS.

BUT YOU'RE TOO SLOW.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO FIGHT BACK!
I'LL TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID THEN!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

NOW, IF ONLY THE OTHER TWO WILL TAKE THE BAIT ...
ALRIGHT.
ONE DOWN.
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SH ...
—
"INVISI-BILITY"
SHING ...
GENERAL SHING HAS BEEN CAPTURED!!!
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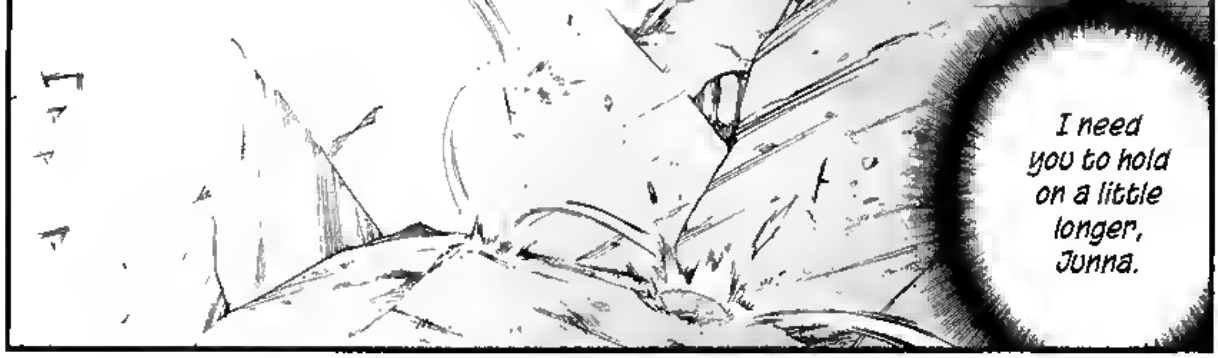
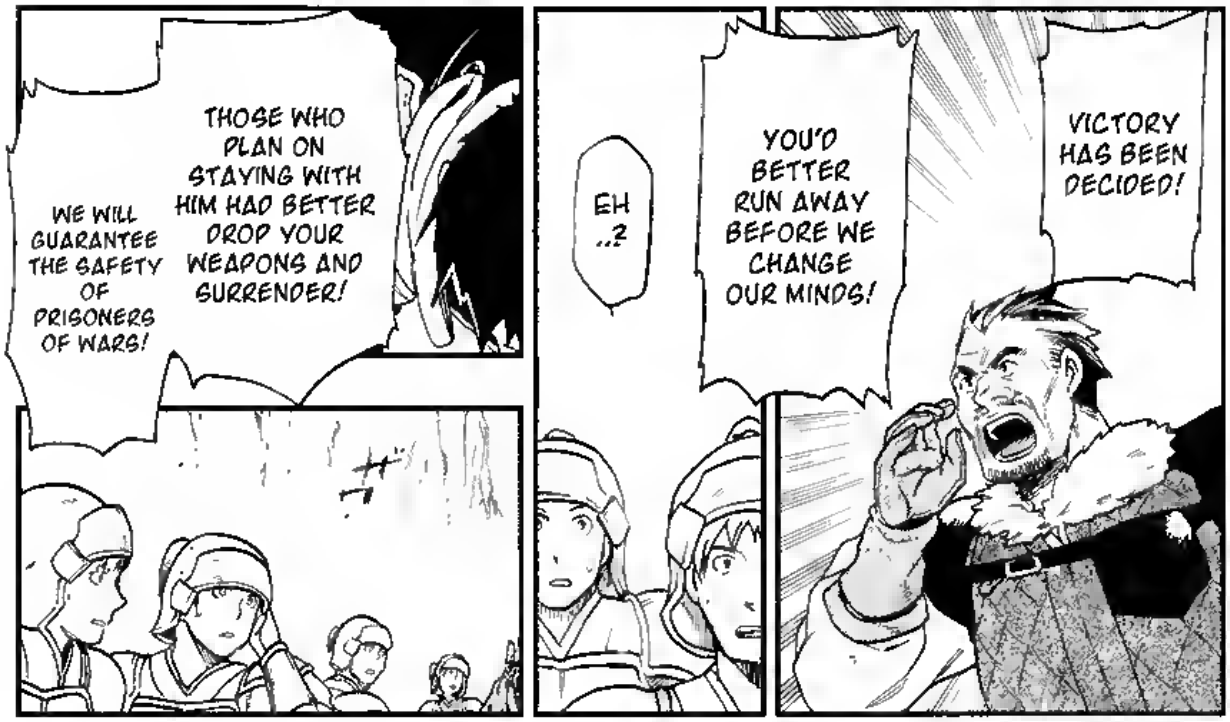
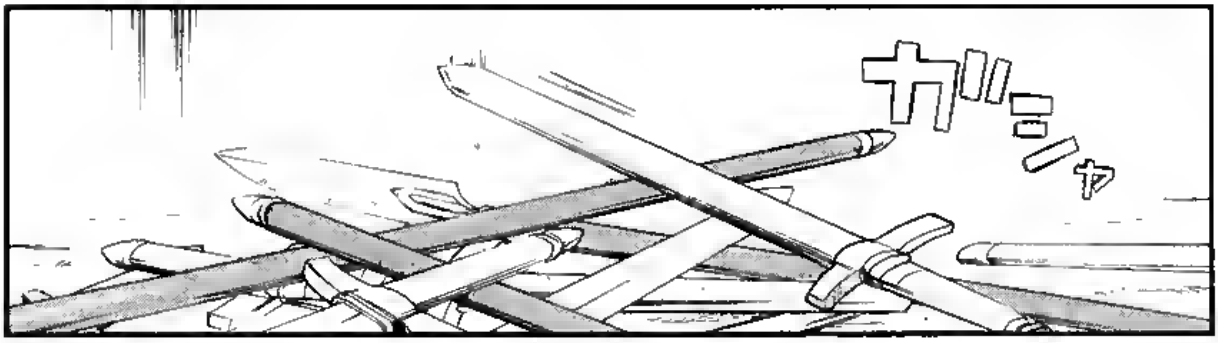

I need you to hold on a little longer, Junna.


WE WILL GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF PRISONERS OF WARS!
THOSE WHO PLAN ON STAYING WITH HIM HAD BETTER DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER!
EH ..?
YOU'D BETTER RUN AWAY BEFORE WE CHANGE OUR MINDS!
VICTORY HAS BEEN DECIDED!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YOU'RE PRETTY WELL LIKED, AREN'T YOU, LORD SHING!
HEH!

MORTAL
STORM

YOU'RE HERE.
SYANDRYS' GENIUS MAGICIAN.
THE YOUNGEST OF THE GENERALS, JUNNA!

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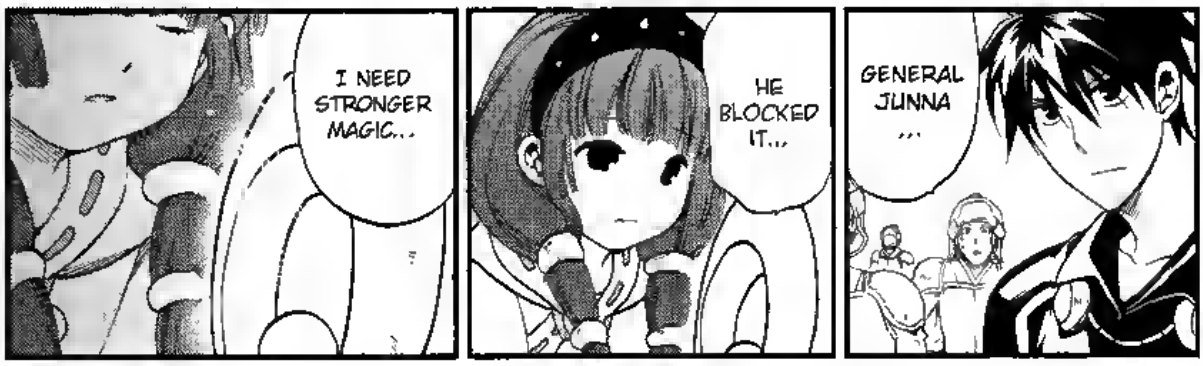
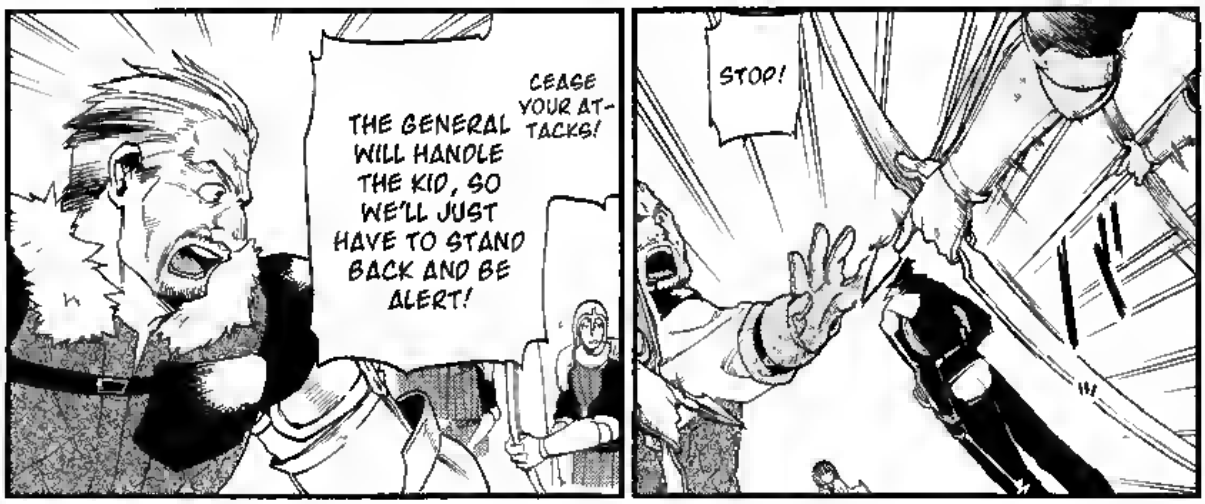
CHAPTER 24.

THE BATTLE AT DEATH VALLEY (PART 2)



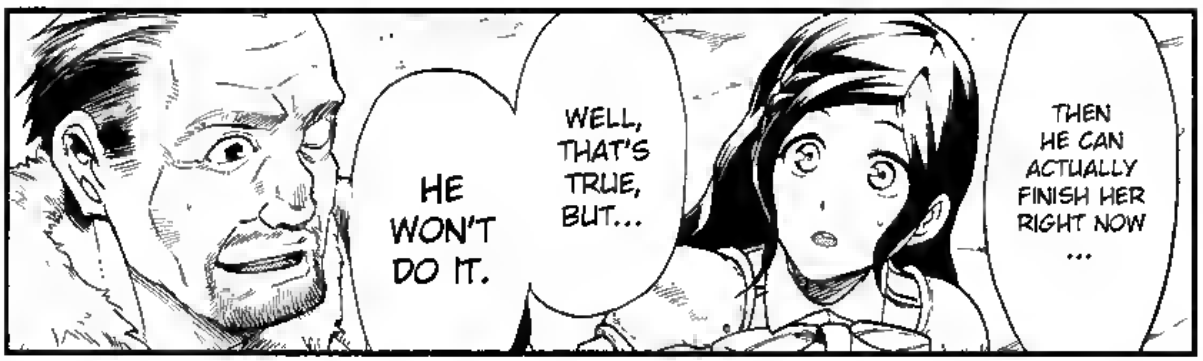


AS EXPECTED, GAZARAM.
GOOD INSTRUC-TIONS.

THE STRONGEST MAGICIANS WOULDN'T NEED INCANTATIONS AFTER ALL.

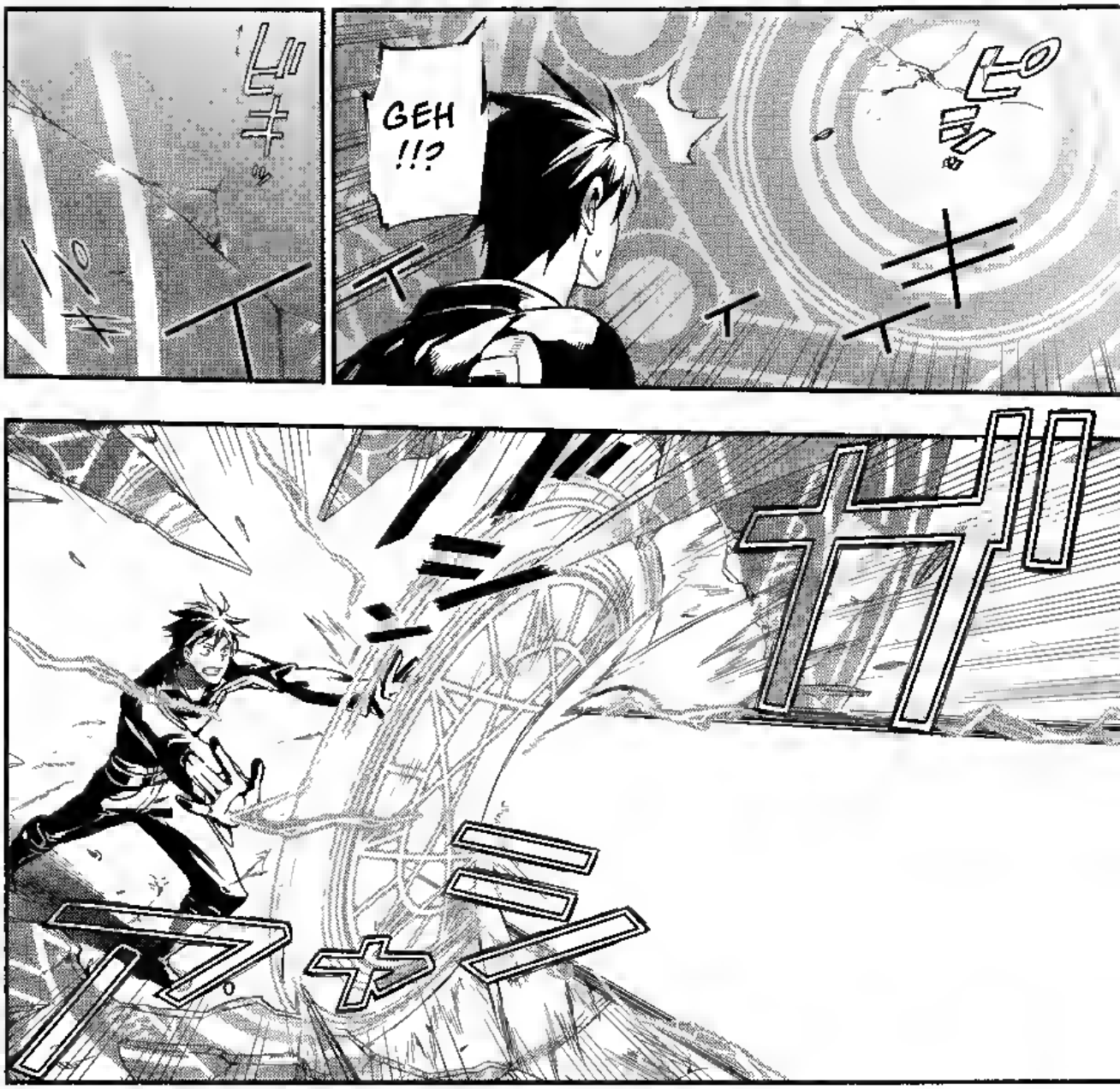
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D LOSE TO A MAGICIAN ONE-ON-ONE.

DON'T WORRY.


HE WON'T DO IT.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
THEN HE CAN ACTUALLY FINISH HER RIGHT NOW ...

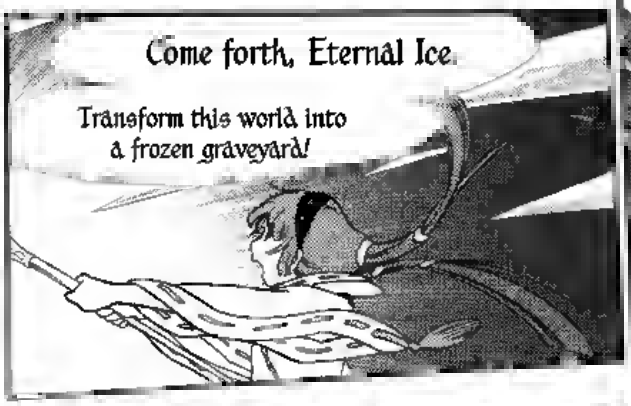
HE PREFERS TO FACE STRONG OPPONENTS HEAD ON.

THAT'S ALL.
Li...
LIGHTNING BLADE!


GEH !!?

Fenrir of the Great Snowfield, Great Spirit of Water and Ice.
Release thy power upon this land and destroy those who oppose.
HEY, HEY, SHE'S DOING IT AGAIN...
SHE BROKE A DRAGON'S ANTI-MAGIC SHIELD!?

I NEED ALL OF YOU TO STAND BEHIND THE BARRIER.
LOOKS LIKE HER BEING CALLED A GENIUS ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW.

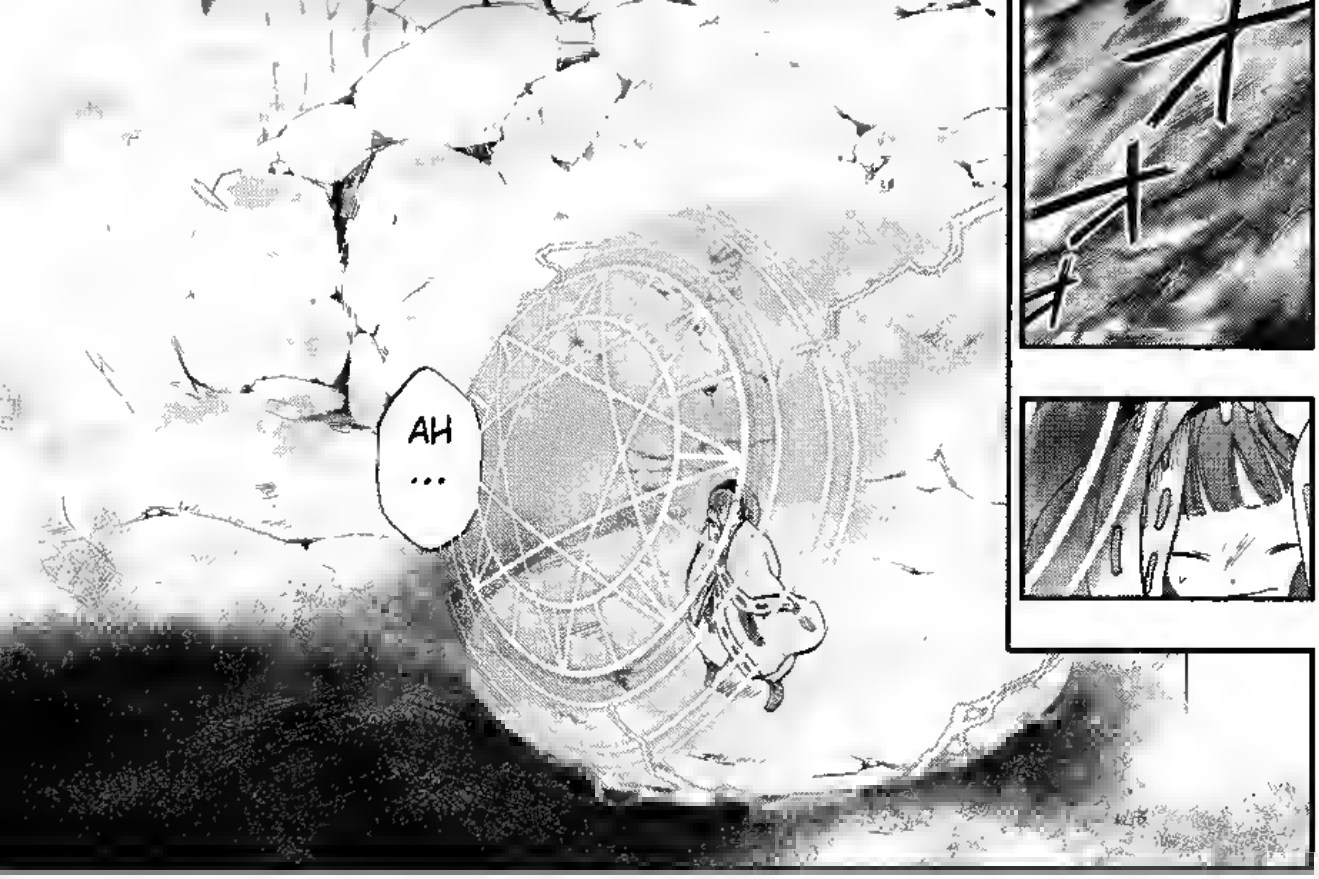

Come forth, Eternal Ice.
Transform this world into a frozen graveyard!

INTER-ESTING!

SHE'S UNLEASHING A SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL MAGIC!!
In the power of Almighty Mana, grant thy disciple the power to unleash Great Magic.

EAT THIS!
ICE AGE STRIKE!!

IDIOT!
SHIELD!!
AHH!


AH
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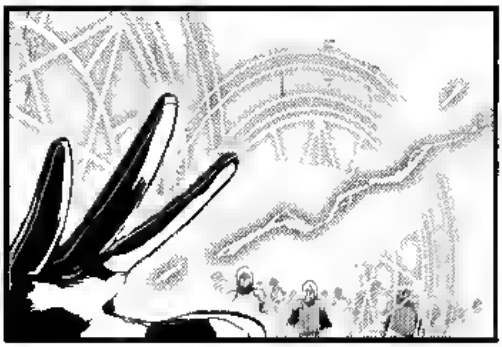
MADE IT...



ANOTHER PROBLEM WOULD BE YOUR BEING UNAWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDING ALLIES WHEN YOU'RE UNLEASHING ATTACKS.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MAGICAL POWER, YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE REAL EXPERIENCES IN BATTLE.
FU?
FU...

AREN'T YOU SPOILING YOUR NAME AS A GENIUS BY FORGETTING TO PUT UP A SHIELD?

SHING, BIG BROTHER ...
I CAN'T SAVE YOU ALL ...
I-I'VE LOST.

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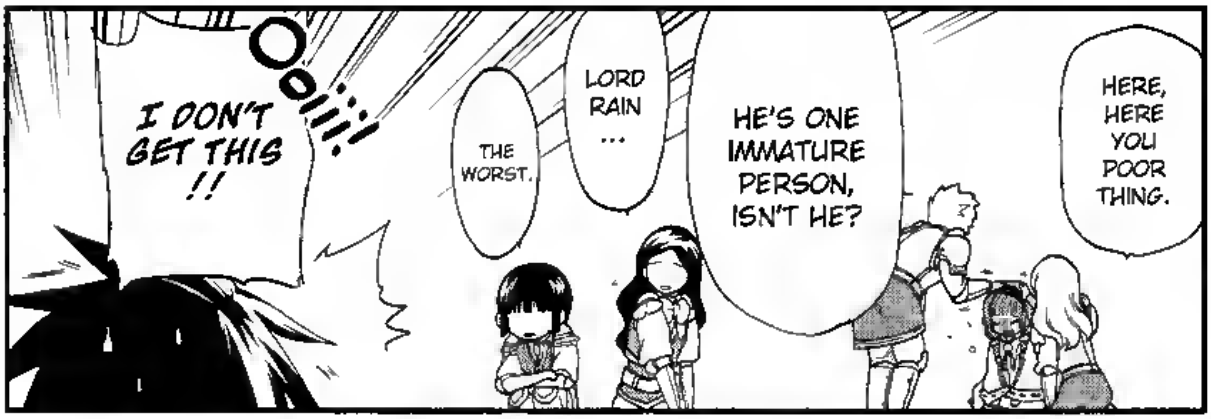
I'M SO SORRVVV..


I DON'T GET THIS !!
THE WORST.
LORD RAIN ...
HE'S ONE IMMATURE PERSON, ISN'T HE?
HERE, HERE YOU POOR THING.

Aah.
WELL, I'M SORRY FOR SCARING YOU.

I'M NOT GONNA DO ANYTHING.
I USED BRUTE FORCE TO DO HIM IN, BUT...
IF YOU COME WITH US QUIETLY, WE WON'T DO ANYTHING ROUGH TO YOU.
TO EITHER YOU OR YOUR BROTHER.

...?
カラン

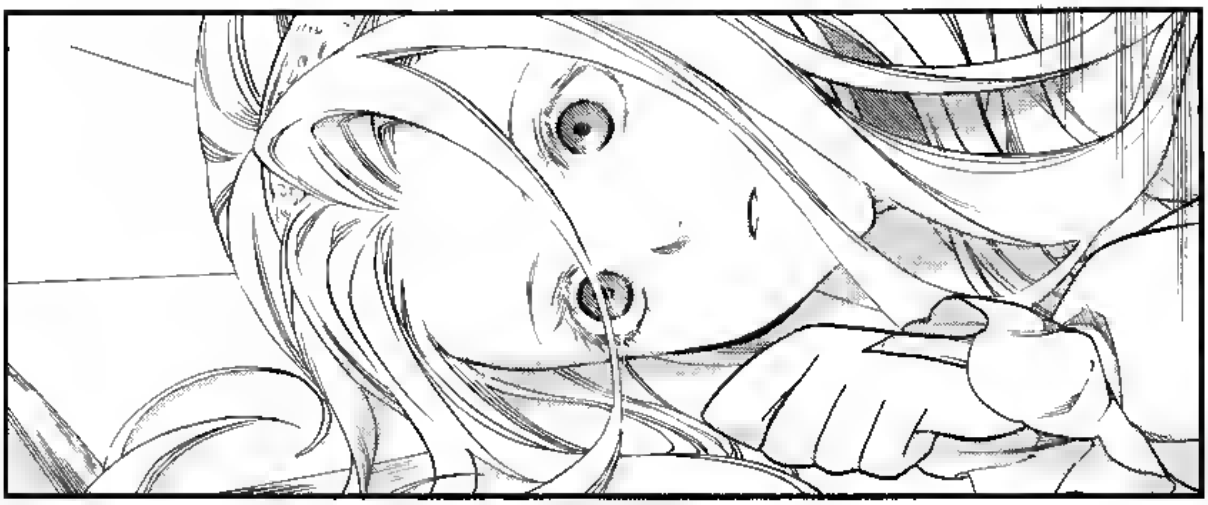
Thank goodness you're okay, Junna...
I was about to dash in for you ...

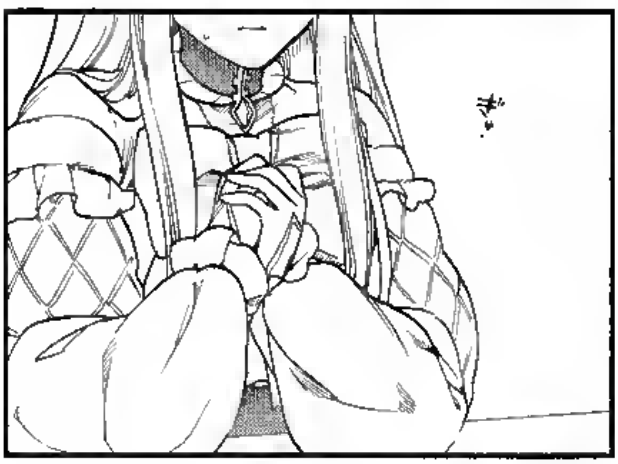
Looks like he's having a duel of magic with Junna right now.
This person ...
His wounds are shallow.
Shing only lost consciousness.
Is trying not to hurt his enemies while fighting.
Instead, he...
I thought he was a belligerent, provocative warmonger.

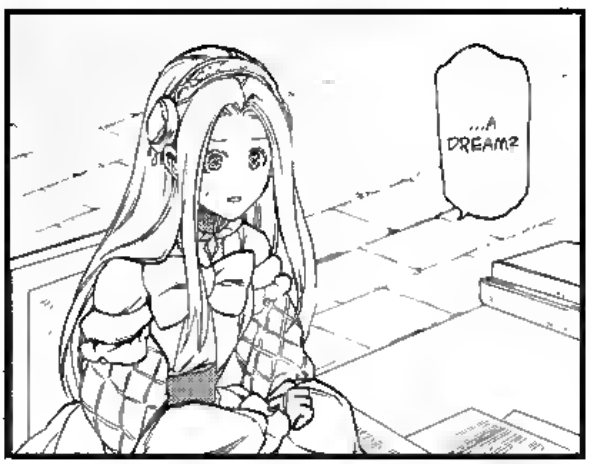
I...
I-I-I-I THOUGHT HE FOUND ME OUT.
NAH, MUST BE MY IMAG-INATION.
HMM ...
WHAT'S WRONG, GENERAL?
Don't let your guard down
That guy is the enemy!
I CAN'T JUST SIT STILL AND WATCH...
WHILE MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE BEING CAPTURED!
Don't ever think of taking him on one-to-one!
I'm sorry, Lord Joe.
IT'S SO BRIGHT!
UWOO !?

Even if I fight fairly, I don't stand any chance of winning.
I'll make an opening with this surprise attack while they're blinded
AN ENEMY'S ATTACK?
?
I'll take both of them back and escape with all my might!

CLOSED!?
HIS EYES ARE...
This voice!!



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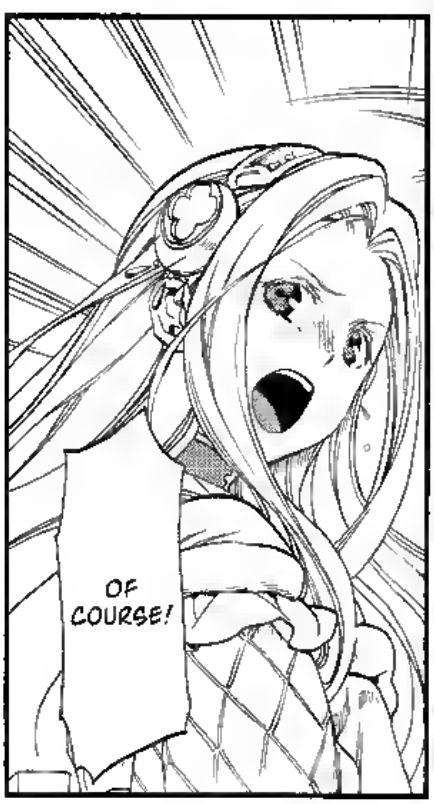
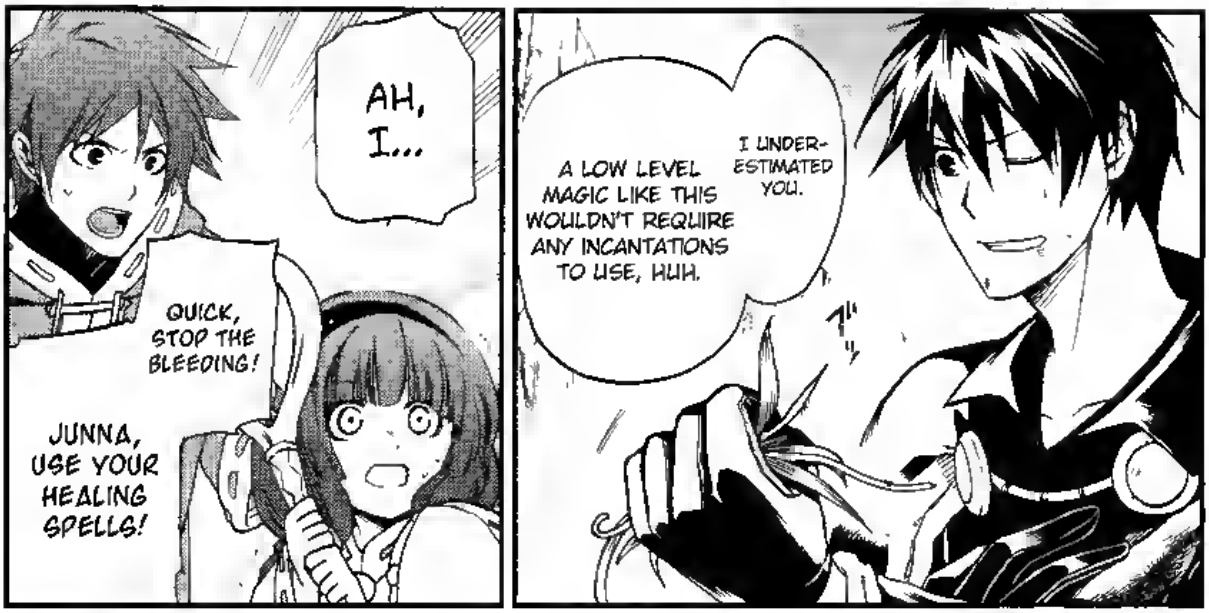
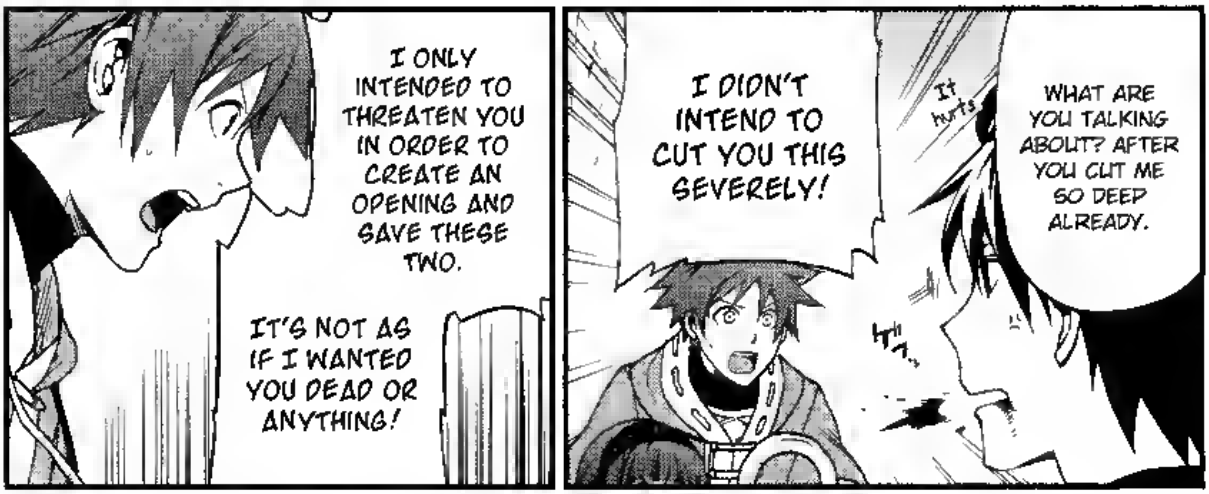

OF COURSE!

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT HIM?
RAIN ...

AM I HEARING THINGS?
Just because I've been separated from him for a little while...
I have to get a hold of myself!
AA AAH ...
Please be safe ...
Rain ...

GEN-
ERAL!!
AH
...
BUT
THAT
WOUND
...
I CAN
STILL
MOVE MY
JOINTS.
IT'S NO
PROB-
LEM.
ENOUGH,
GAZARAM.
DON'T
INTER-
FERE.
STOP
IDLING
AROUND!
CLOSE
OFF THE
PATH!


AH, I...
QUICK, STOP THE BLEEDING!
JUNNA, USE YOUR HEALING SPELLS!
I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.
A LOW LEVEL MAGIC LIKE THIS WOULDN'T REQUIRE ANY INCANTATIONS TO USE, HUH.


I ONLY INTENDED TO THREATEN YOU IN ORDER TO CREATE AN OPENING AND SAVE THESE TWO.
IT'S NOT AS IF I WANTED YOU DEAD OR ANYTHING!
I DIDN'T INTEND TO CUT YOU THIS SEVERELY!
It hurts
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? AFTER YOU CUT ME SO DEEP ALREADY.

YOU COULD'VE TAKEN ME HOSTAGE AND RUN, COULDN'T YOU?
EH ...
YOU GIVE UP REAL QUICKLY.

!!?
EVEN THOUGH MY MOVEMENT'S BEEN RESTRICTED BY ABOUT 30%, WELL, IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
BUT SINCE IT LOOKS YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE COMING WITH US QUIETLY, I WILL FIGHT BACK TO MY HEART'S CONTENT AS WELL.
!?
IN OTHER WORDS ...
DON'T TELL ME YOU...
GEN-ERAL ...
NO ...
IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE FROM HERE WITH THIS GUY, YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT ME FIRST.

YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON HIM THEN?
AS IF I'M GOING TO FIGHT AN OPPONENT WITH SUCH AN INJURY!
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS!
RIGHT.
AND IF I WIN, I WILL SPECIALLY INVITE THE THREE OF YOU TO MY CASTLE.
IF I WIN, YOU WILL QUIETLY COME WITH US.
AND MY SISTER WILL TEND TO YOUR WOUNDS ALONG THE WAY.
LET'S DO THIS!

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IT'S HEAVY ...
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With only 70% of his speed...
To move like this ...
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IMPOS-SIBLE!

I...
I'VE LOST ...
AT LEAST TRY TO ATTACK ME ONCE, MR. NICE GUY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, WORRYING ABOUT YOUR OPPONENTS?
MY EYES WON'T DECEIVE ME.
YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING!
I COULDN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT!
YOU WENT EASY ON ME ...
GEN-ERAL !!
JUNNA, TREAT HIM!!

YES SIR!
RELEASE SYANDRYS' TROOPS! WE'LL JUST BE TAKING SEYL AND THE OTHER TWO WITH US!
THANKS.
ウ…
LET ME ASK YOU NOW!
WHY THANK YOU.. NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO SAY!
Ah
IF IT'S ABOUT YOUR HORSES, WE'RE PREPARING THEM NOW …
WHAT IS YOUR REAL TARGET!
ERM, RAIN …
ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT, WE'LL RETURN TO COTECREAS CASTLE IMMEDIATELY!
THE LATTER IS WHAT I PERSONALLY DESIRE, BUT THE FORMER IS WHAT ALL OF US DESIRE, I GUESS.
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY TRYING TO ACHIEVE?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRYING TO AVOID ANY DAMAGE TO BOTH PARTIES, SINCE YOU ACTUALLY FOUGHT BY YOURSELF UNTIL YOU'RE IN THIS STATE...

TO CONTINUE HURTING EACH OTHER IS PRECISELY WHAT OUR COUNTRY'S RULER DESIRES.

I SEE.

SOMETIMES, LADY FOLNIER IS PRETTY STUBBORN AS WELL.
BUT, HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...

BEFORE THE BATTLE STARTED, FOLNIER PERSONALLY VISITED THE CASTLE, DIDN'T SHE?
WE JUST WANTED YOU TO REMEMBER YOUR PURPOSE FOR DOING THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IF THE OTHER PARTY COMES AT US FULL FORCE, WE'LL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.
IF THEY DON'T REALIZE THIS BY THE TIME WE CONFRONT EACH OTHER, THAT'S IT.

GENERAL! THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE!
RIGHT.

I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
IT LOOKS LIKE JOE IS BEING TOO SOFT WITH THE EMPRESS' STANDARDS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING.
IF ONLY LORD JOE WOULD REALIZE THIS AND TRY PERSUADING THE EMPRESS ...

MORE IMPORTANTLY, LET US RETURN TO COTECREAS CASTLE!
He even predicted the details of our war council

WE WILL REPORT OUR COMPLETE VICTORY TO THE PRINCESS!
Even with Syandrys' army of ten thousand as the enemy ...
Rain's troops managed to secure victory without any deaths on either side. With this, the battle of Death Valley ends.

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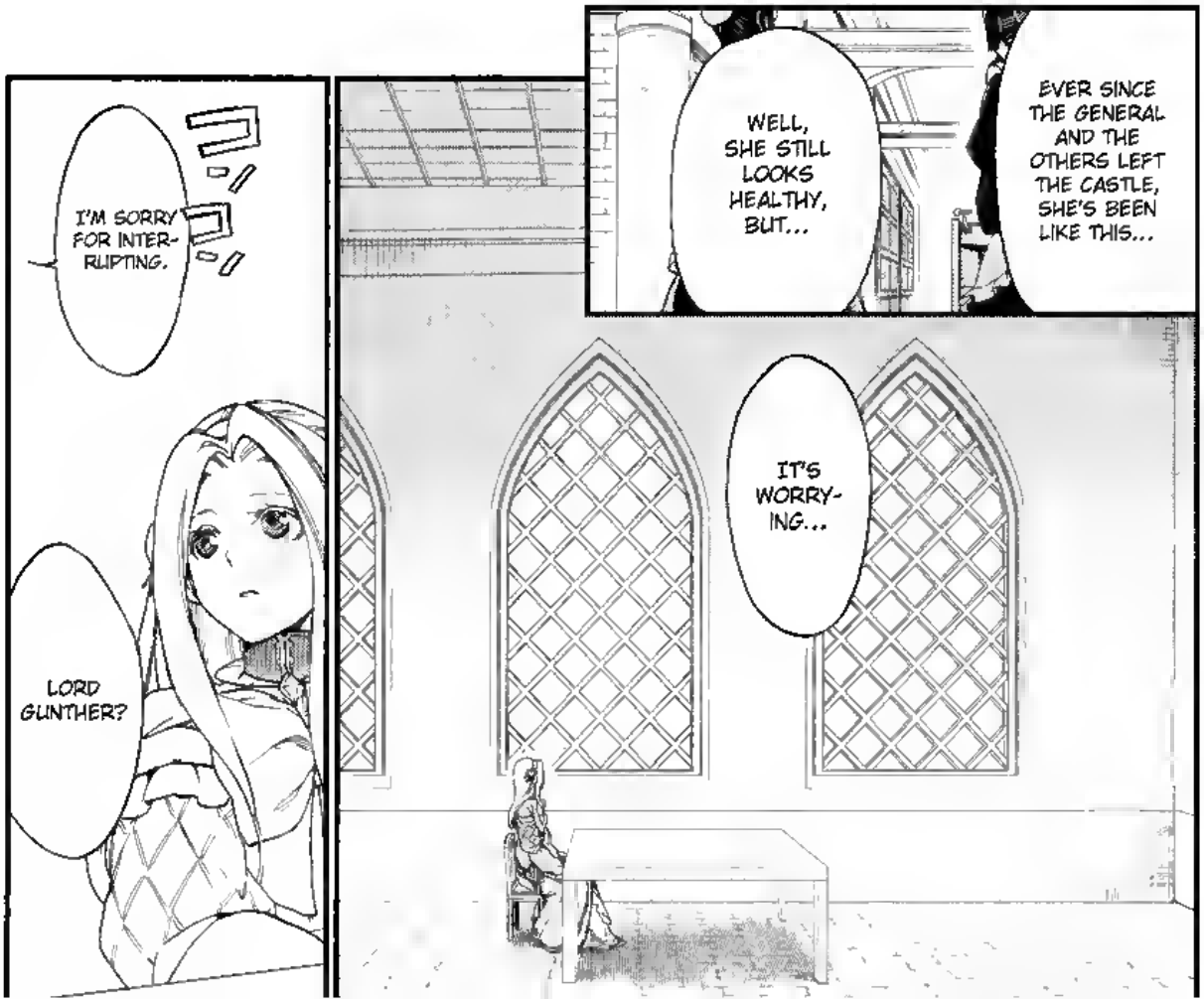
CHAPTER 25.
AN ANCIENT HERO.


EVER SINCE THE GENERAL AND THE OTHERS LEFT THE CASTLE, SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS...
WELL, SHE STILL LOOKS HEALTHY, BUT...
IT'S WORRY-ING...
I'M SORRY FOR INTER-RUPTING.
LORD GUNTHER?

I HEARD THAT YOU'VE HAD A SMALL APPETITE RECENTLY SO I BROUGHT YOU A LIGHT MEAL.
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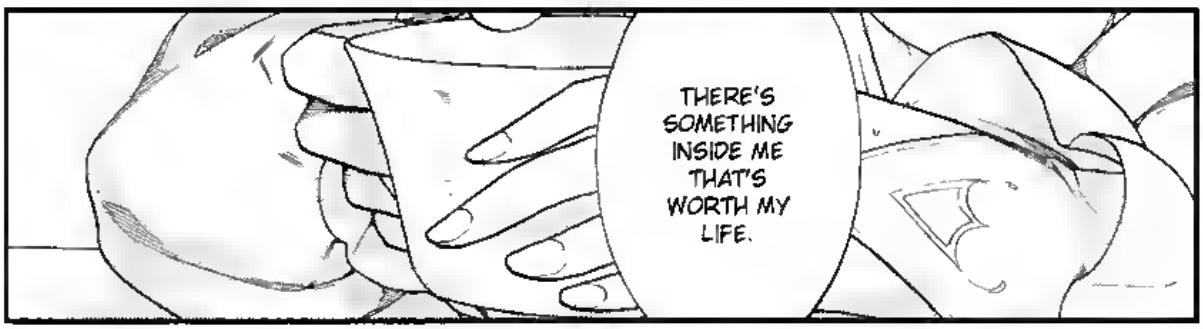
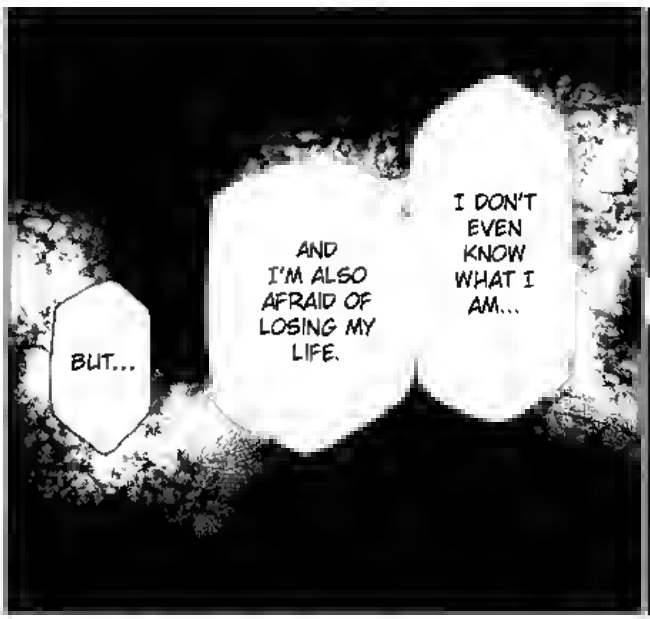
WHY THANK YOU..
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT ME, BUT I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THE APPETITE TO EAT...
I SEE.
WELL, THIS BLACK TEA FROM FANUJ IS A FAVORITE DRINK OF LORD RAIN'S.
I WILL DRINK IT!
カ!?

THAT WAS TOO STRAIGHT-FORWARD ...
PLEASE.
AH.
OKAY!
IT'S DELICIOUS!
I SEE.
WELL THEN, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
EH...
THINGS THAT YOU WANT TO ASK LORD RAIN, BUT COULDN'T.

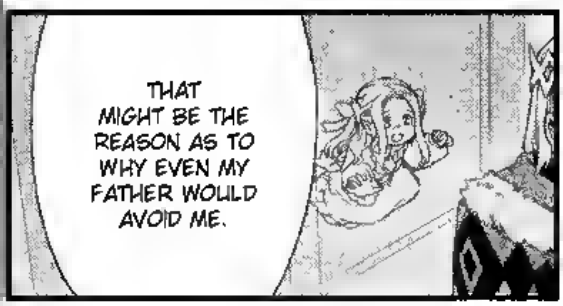
FOR EXAMPLE, THE OCCASIONAL UNNATURAL ATTITUDE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SENSED WHENEVER LORD RAIN SPEAKS WITH YOU.
YOU...
KNEW ABOUT THAT?
IN MY CASE, I'VE HAD MANY OPPORTU-NITIES TO BE BY YOUR SIDE.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, EVER SINCE THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM THREE YEARS BACK, I'VE HAD THAT FEELING.

EVEN DURING OUR PRACTICE NOT TOO LONG AGO.
WHEN HE LOOKED AT ME, HE GAVE A SURPRISED LOOK FOR SOME REASON. IT'S STRANGE...
BUT WHEN I HEARD WHAT TALMA SAID A FEW DAYS BACK WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE, I UNDERSTOOD.


THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE ME THAT'S WORTH MY LIFE.


I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I AM...
AND I'M ALSO AFRAID OF LOSING MY LIFE.
BUT...

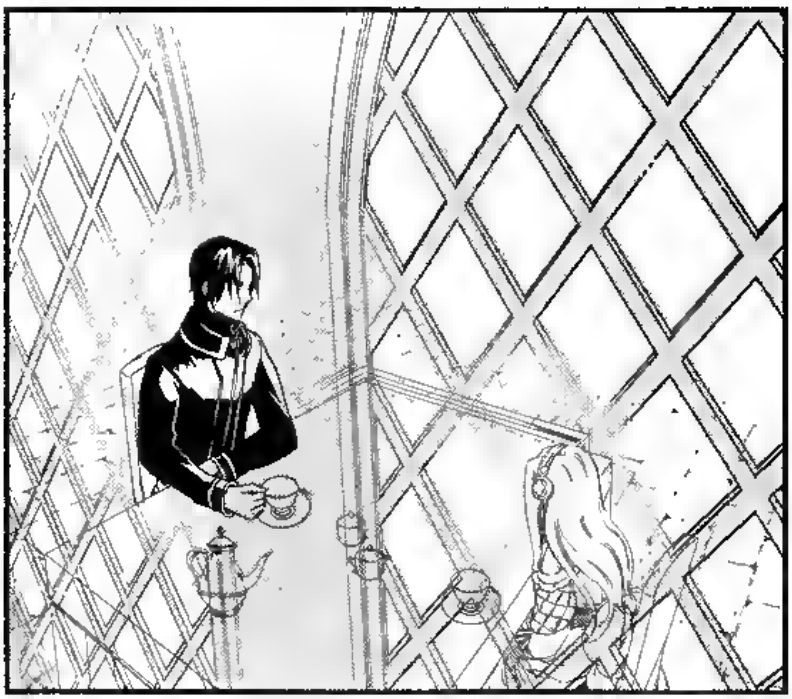
IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN KNOWS THIS AS WELL.

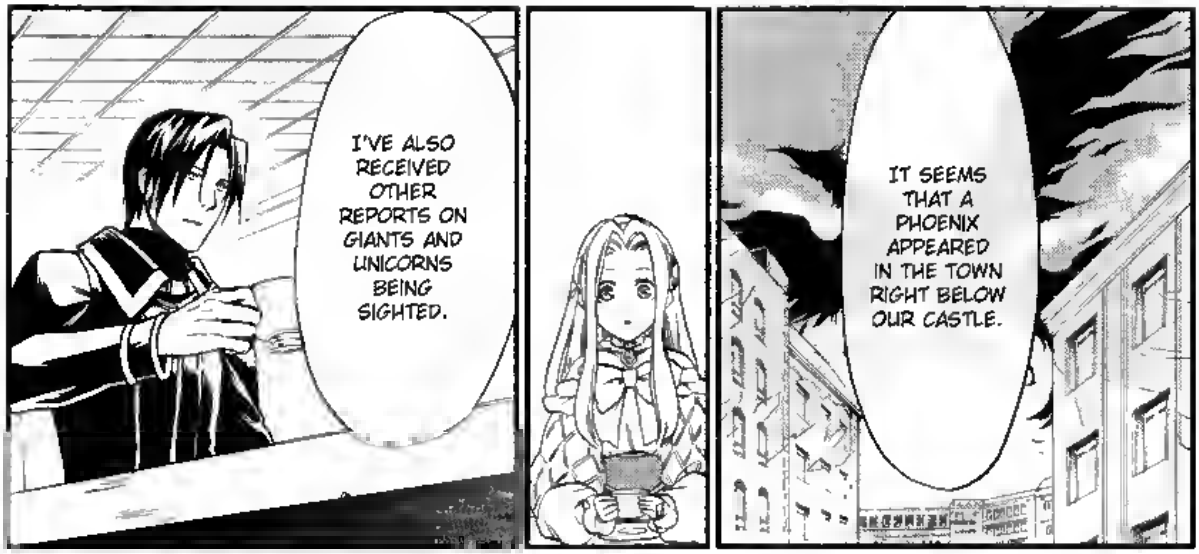

THAT MIGHT BE THE REASON AS TO WHY EVEN MY FATHER WOULD AVOID ME.

EVEN THOUGH NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE WORRYING OVER THESE KINDS OF THINGS...

I'M EVEN MORE AFRAID OF BEING DESPISED BY RAIN.

A FEW DAYS AGO, I RECEIVED A REPORT.




I'VE ALSO RECEIVED OTHER REPORTS ON GIANTS AND UNICORNS BEING SIGHTED.
IT SEEMS THAT A PHOENIX APPEARED IN THE TOWN RIGHT BELOW OUR CASTLE.

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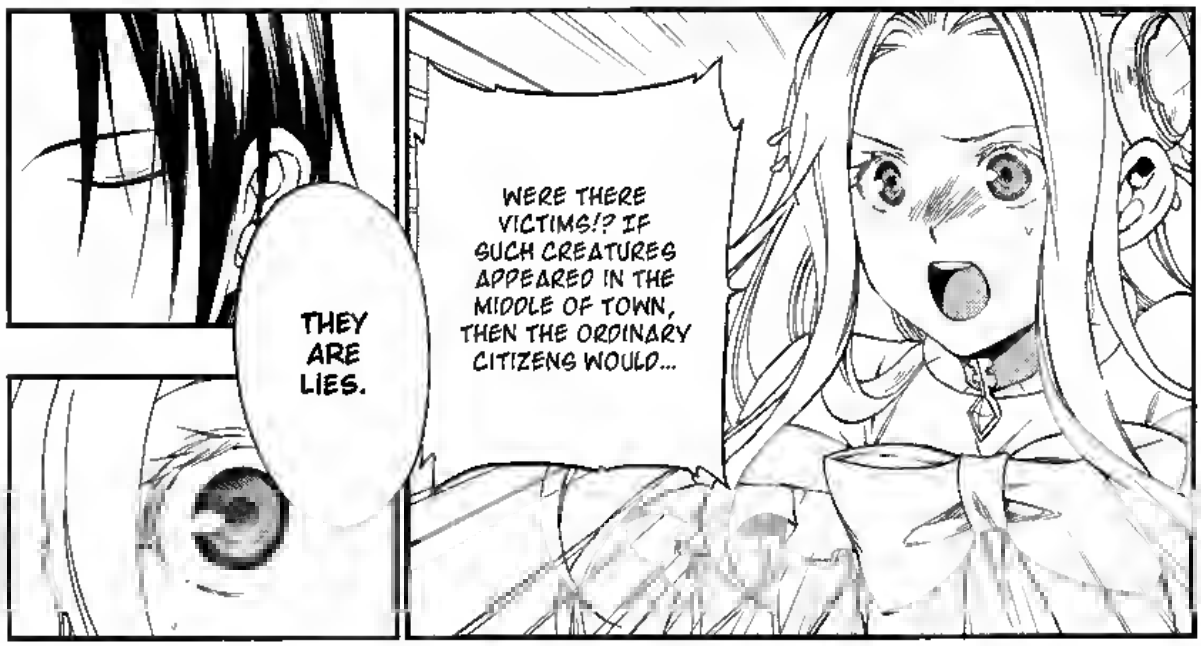
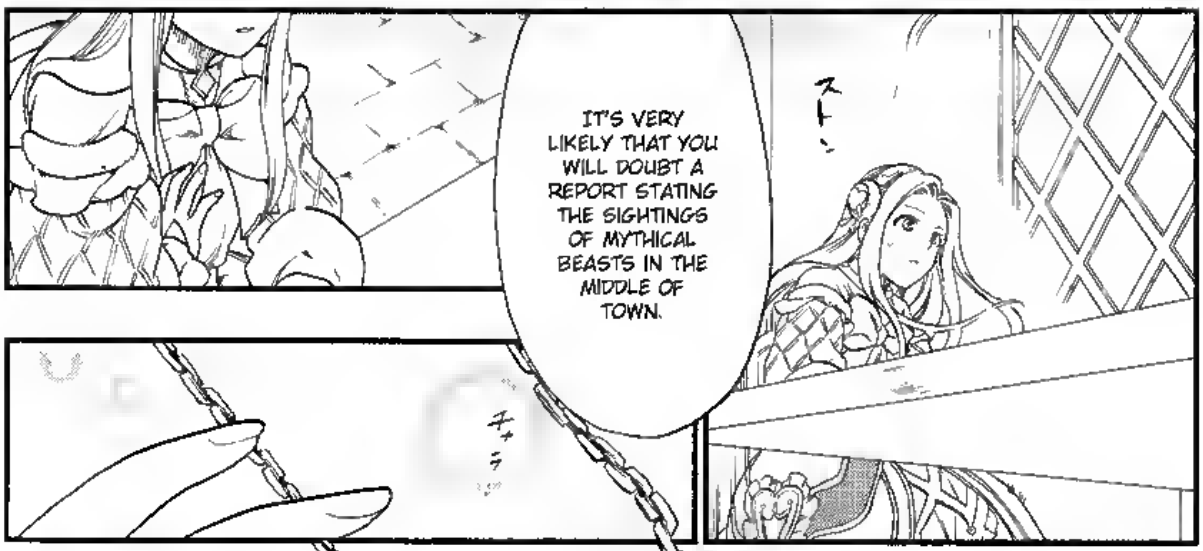
ALL WERE REPORTS THAT I HEARD DIRECTLY FROM LORD RAIN
CREATURES FROM THE LEGENDS, YOU SAY?
IS IT SOME SORT OF FAIRY TALE?


THEY ARE LIES.
WERE THERE VICTIMS!? IF SUCH CREATURES APPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN, THEN THE ORDINARY CITIZENS WOULD...

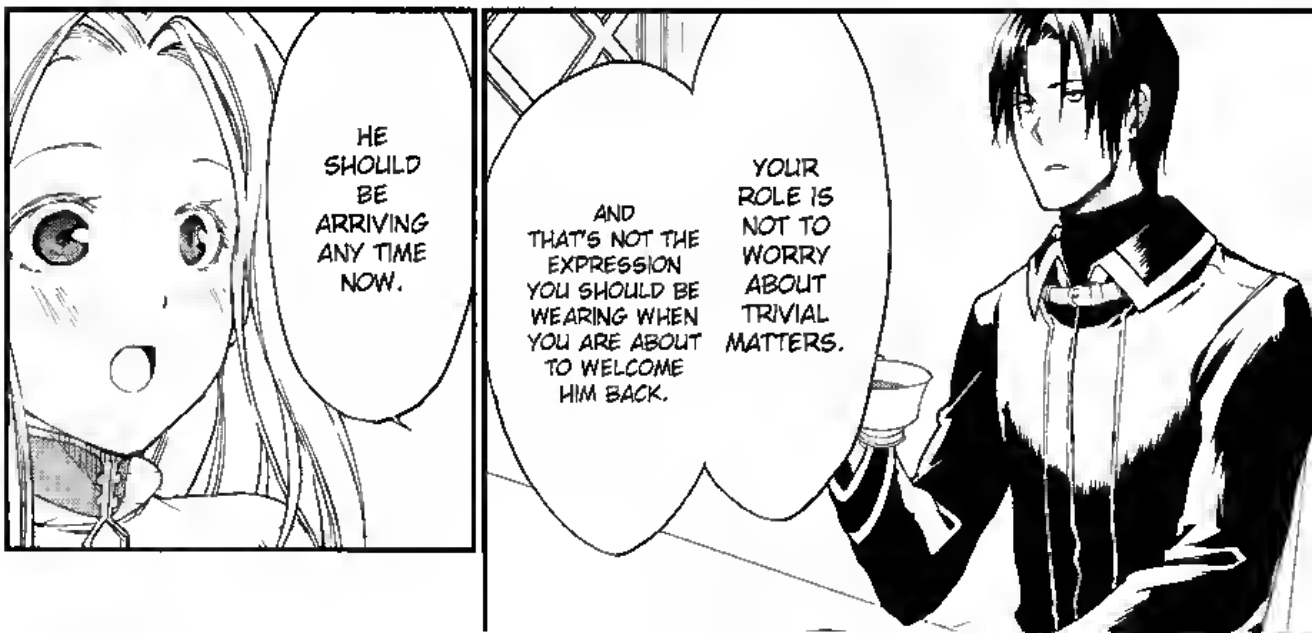
SO YOU BELIEVED THAT?


IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT YOU WILL DOUBT A REPORT STATING THE SIGHTINGS OF MYTHICAL BEASTS IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN.

BUT NO MATTER HOW UNBELIEVABLE A STORY MAY SOUND...
IF IT COMES FROM LORD RAIN, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE IT AS THE TRUTH.
THEN THAT IS SIMPLE.

LORD RAIN, THAT YOU TRUST SO MUCH.
FOR WHOSE SAKE DO YOU THINK HE'S DOING WHAT HE'S DOING RIGHT NOW?
STEALING A COUNTRY'S TREASURE...
OVERPOWERING A STRONGER NATION...TO HIM, THESE ARE BUT SIMPLE THINGS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU REALLY ARE.
HE'S DEFINITELY NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD GO INTO A BATTLEFIELD FOR A PERSON HE DETESTS.

WHATEVER YOUR TRUE NATURE IS, IT DOES NOT MATTER TO LORD RAIN.
NOT THAT WE'RE GETTING ANY IMPORTANT RESULTS FOR NOW.
SPIES SENT BY LORD RAIN ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING WHATEVER TALMA HAD SAID ABOUT SOME CLUES BEING HIDDEN IN GALFORT.
OF COURSE.
I'M A GENIUS AFTER ALL.
OKAY!


HE SHOULD BE ARRIVING ANY TIME NOW.
AND THAT'S NOT THE EXPRESSION YOU SHOULD BE WEARING WHEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO WELCOME HIM BACK.
YOUR ROLE IS NOT TO WORRY ABOUT TRIVIAL MATTERS.

PLEASE.
RAIN!?
IT'S A FAVORITE OF MINE.
IS THIS ONE OF RAIN'S FAVORITE AS WELL?
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL, THEN!

AH-
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THINGS WHILE I WAS AWAY!
WELCOME BACK, RAIN.
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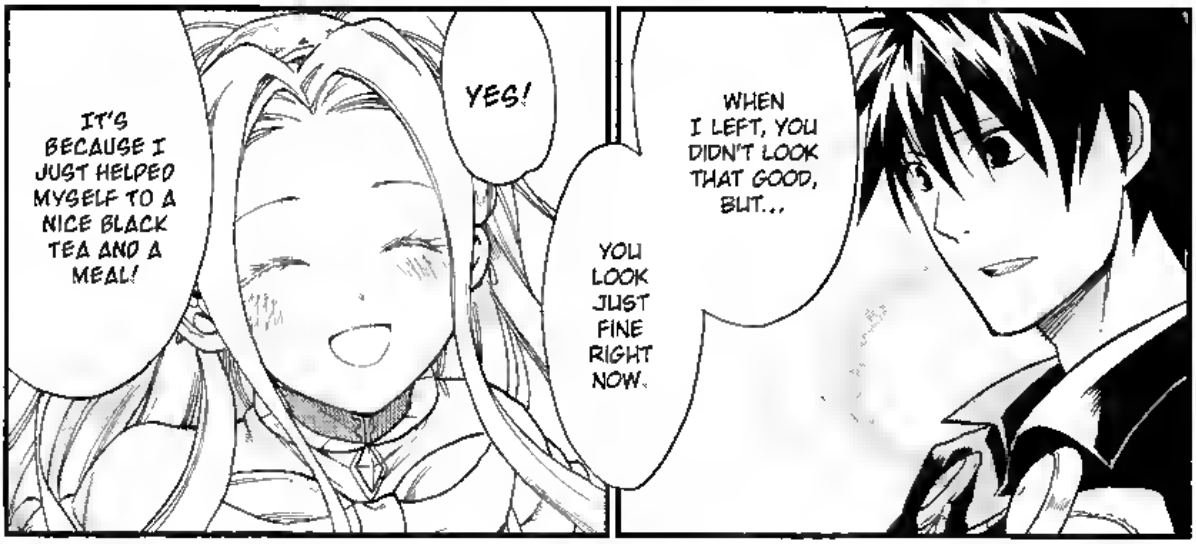
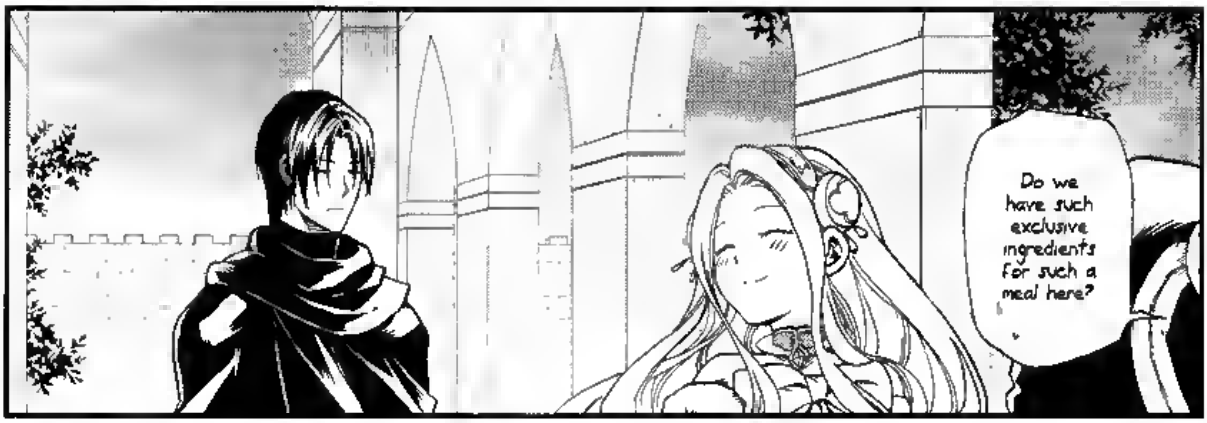
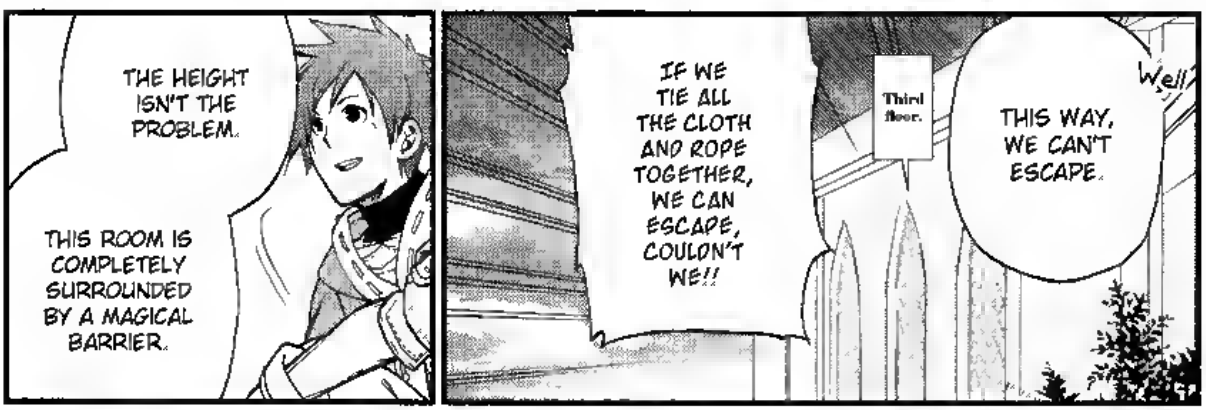

WHEN I LEFT, YOU DIDN'T LOOK THAT GOOD, BUT...
YOU LOOK JUST FINE RIGHT NOW.
YES!
IT'S BECAUSE I JUST HELPED MYSELF TO A NICE BLACK TEA AND A MEAL!


Do we have such exclusive ingredients for such a meal here?

Mean-while.
Hostages.
IYAA~~

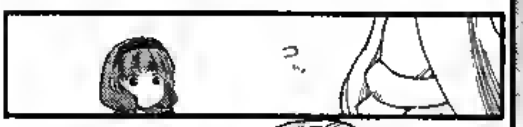
!?
A GUARD WITH AN UNPLEA-SANT LOOK ON HIS FACE!
DIS-GUSTING FOOD!
THICK IRON BARS!
A COLD BED!

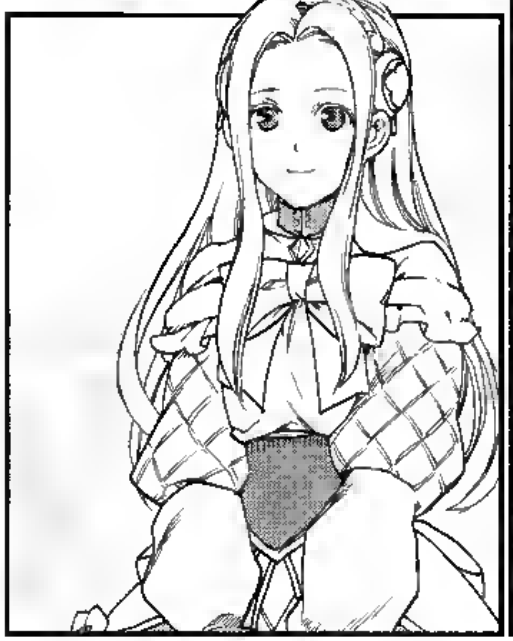
YOU'RE ADAPTING REALLY FAST.
WAS WHAT I THOUGHT AT FIRST, BUT...
So rich.


THE HEIGHT ISN'T THE PROBLEM.
THIS ROOM IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY A MAGICAL BARRIER.
IF WE TIE ALL THE CLOTH AND ROPE TOGETHER, WE CAN ESCAPE, COULDN'T WE!!
Third floor.
THIS WAY, WE CAN'T ESCAPE.
Well

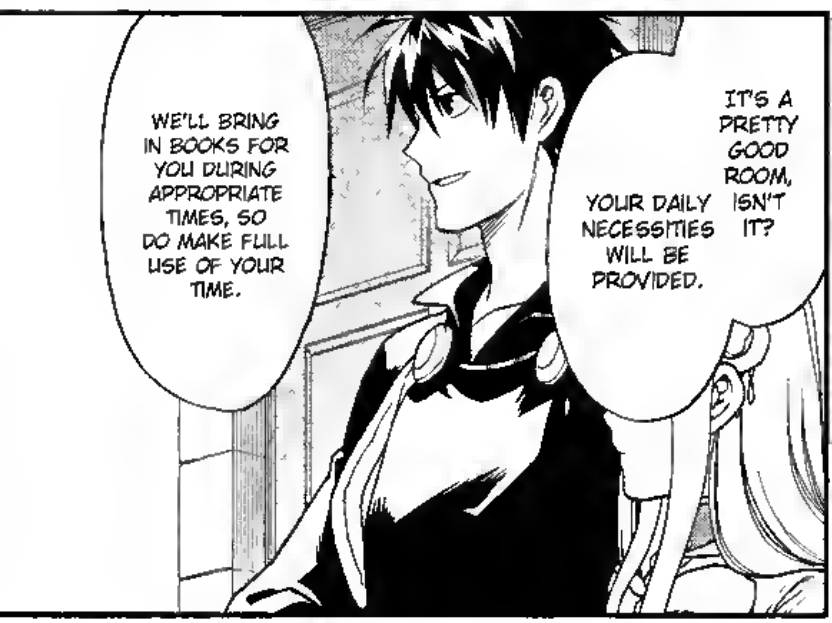
I KNOW! IF WE ASSAULT THE GUARD WHO BRINGS US OUR MEALS...
THERE MUST BE A WAY!
I THINK BOTH YOUR SWORD AND MY MAGIC WOULD BE USELESS.
You're right.
I CAN'T FEEL HOW STRONG THE BARRIER IS.

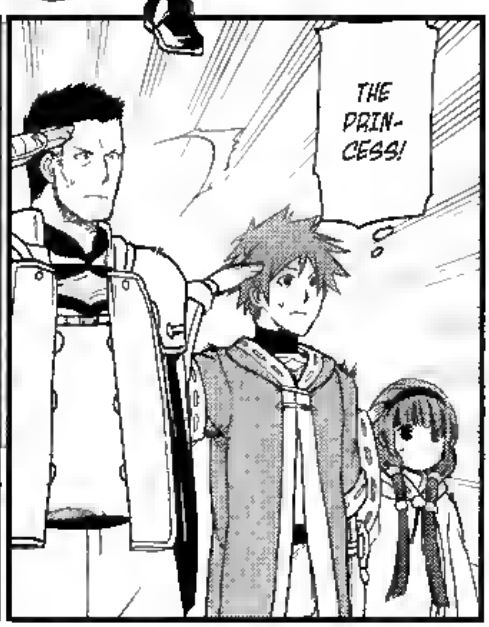
Assault him?





YO~! HOW ARE YOU FARING, MY DEAR HOSTAGES?

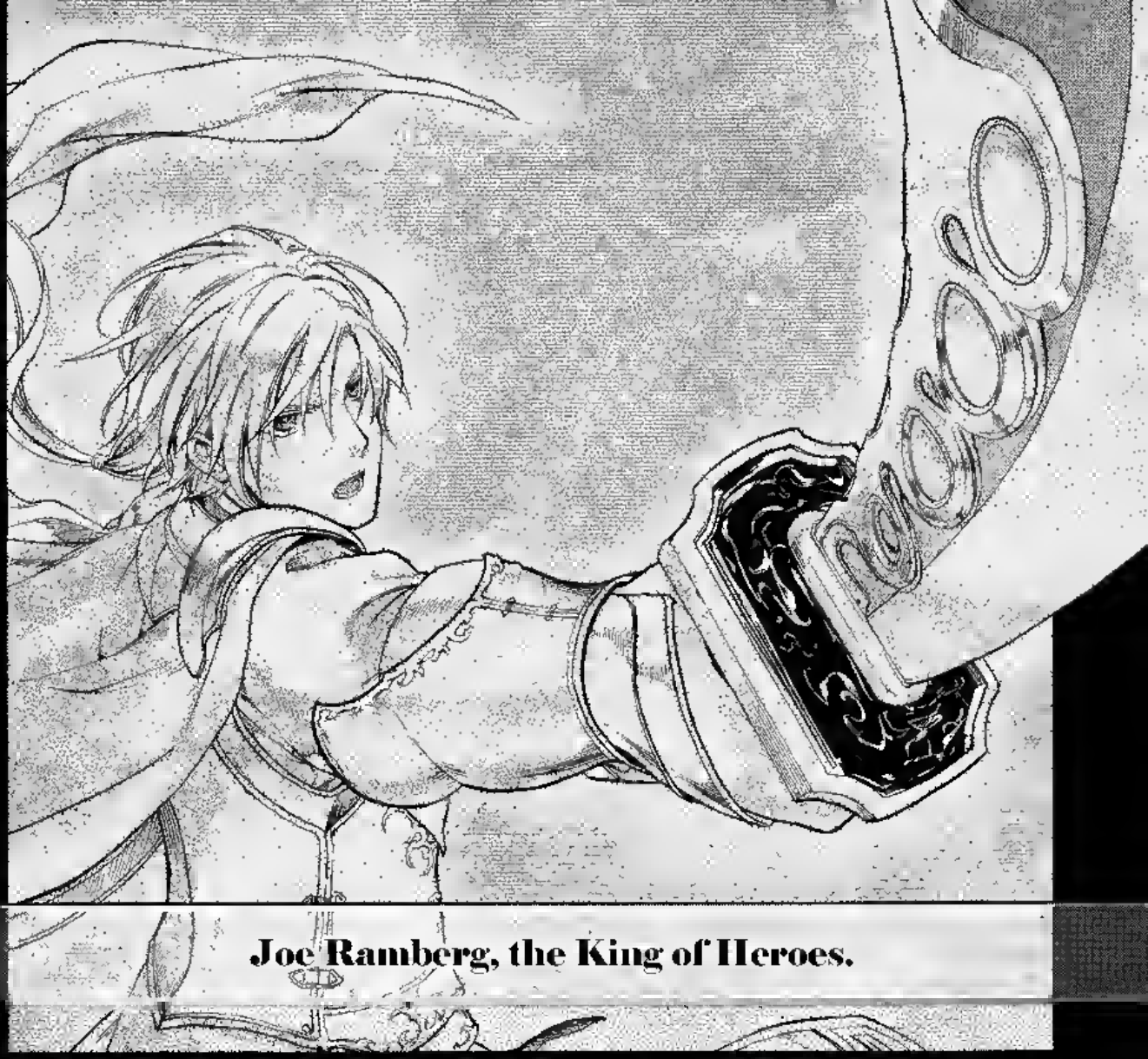

WE'LL BRING IN BOOKS FOR YOU DURING APPROPRIATE TIMES, SO DO MAKE FULL USE OF YOUR TIME.
YOUR DAILY NECESSITIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
IT'S A PRETTY GOOD ROOM, ISN'T IT?


THE PRIN-CESS!

YES! WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU!
SHING, WE'RE HOSTAGES FOR NOW, YOU KNOW.
FOR NOW, PLEASE BE PATIENT.
WHEN WE'VE REACHED A COMPROMISED WITH LADY FOLNIER, WE WILL DEFINITELY RELEASE YOU.
THANKS FOR YOUR ADVICE.
UNDER-STOOD. DO TAKE CARE.
WE'RE DEPARTING FOR THE FRONT TOMORROW MORNING.
THAT'S RIGHT, DO BEHAVE QUIETLY LIKE PRISONERS.
OR "REINCARNATION OF THE KING OF HEROES OF THE CRUSADE"...
JOE'S COMBAT EXPERIENCE IS PRETTY FEARSOME.
HIS ALIAS IS "INVINCIBLE DIVINE GEN-ERAL"...

CRUSADE.

A war broke out between apparitions and humans who fought for supremacy.
Over a thousand years ago ...
The long-lasting battle came to an end, with the humans' victory over the apparitions.
Under the protection of the Goddess of War, Mlynslu, the humans united and made a certain hero their leader.
The one who lead them all was a young man.
A great man with azure blue eyes and golden hair that shone like the sun.
IF I RECALL HIS NAME WAS...



And the tears of young maidens who preserved memories of him.

Thereon, the only things that remained in the world were eternal peace.

After the battle, with unwavering honor, he set off to a certain place without taking anything along with him.

SHING!

EVERY TIME IT'S TOLD, IT GETS MORE EXAGGERATED UNTIL I DON'T EVEN KNOW ITS AUTHENTICITY ANYMORE.
WITHOUT ANY WITNESSES, THAT LEGEND IS BUT A FAKE STORY.

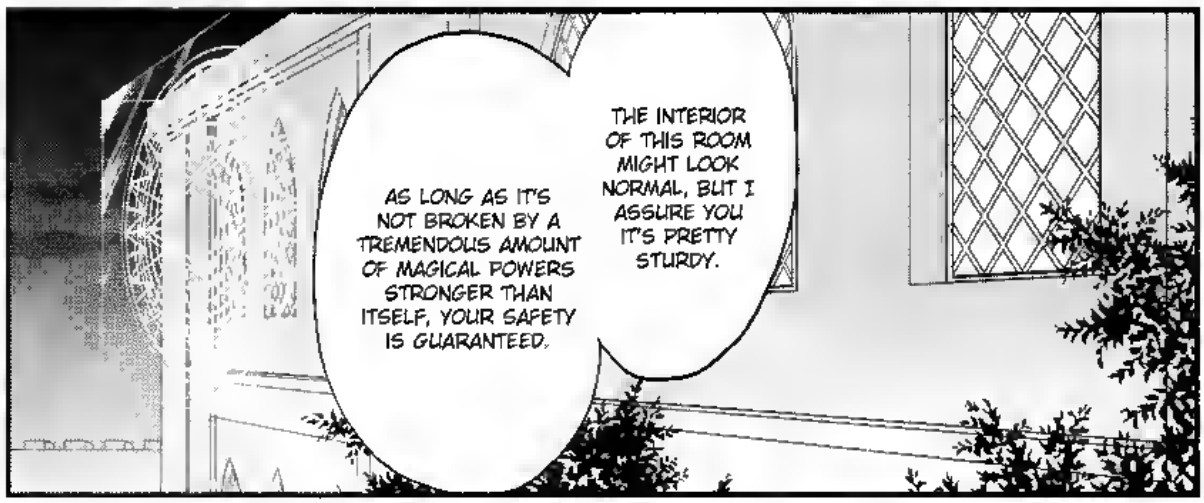
HOW WORTH-LESS...

I APOLOGIZE IF I'VE INSULTED YOU.
IT'S NOT AS IF I'M MAKING LIGHT OF YOUR SUPERIORS OR ANYTHING.

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WE HOPE TO AVOID A WAR AS WELL.
AND WE DON'T DESPISE YOU FOR ANYTHING.
WE HAVE NO ILL INTENTIONS AS WELL.

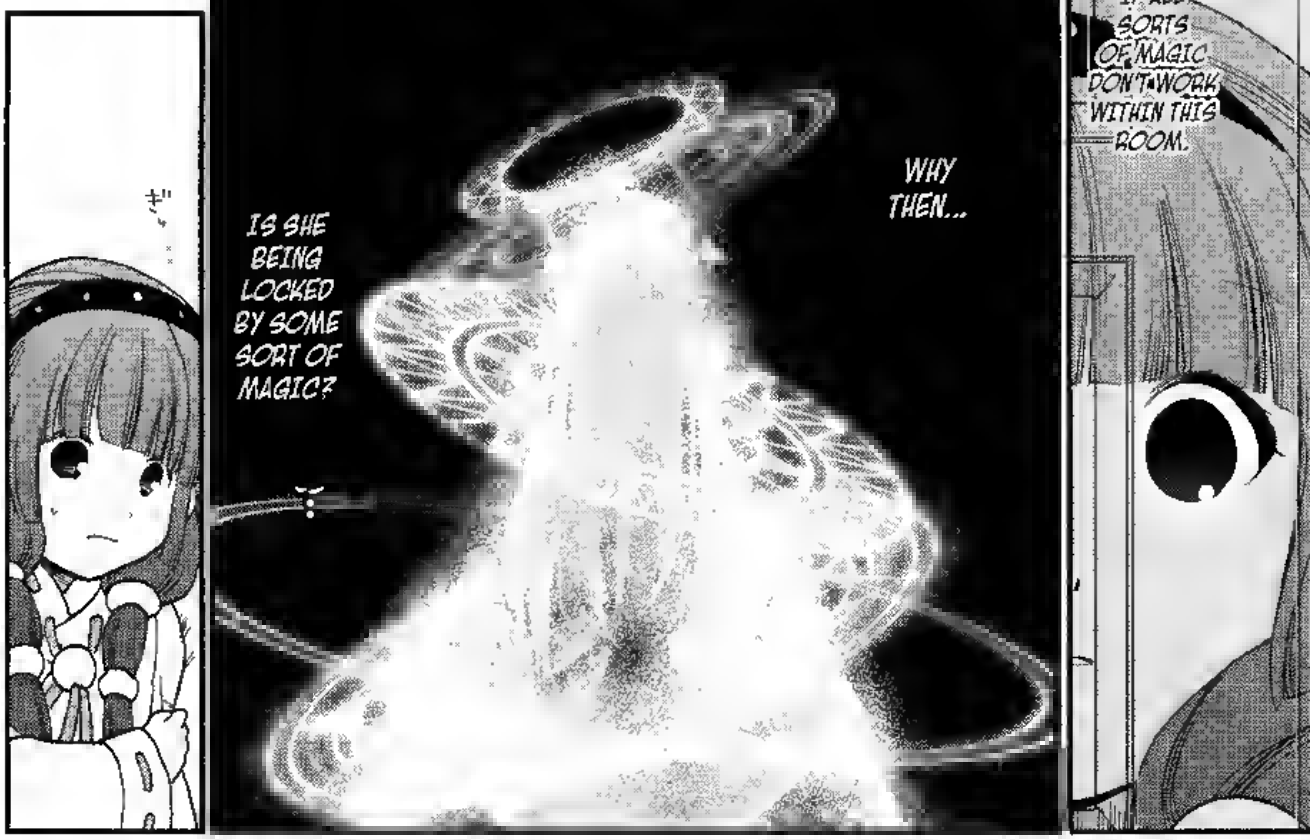
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR GOOD RESULTS!
SINCE WE WILLINGLY LET OURSELVES BE CAPTURED...

I'LL TAKE YOUR WORDS FOR IT, BUT FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY, I'LL HAVE TO RESTRICT YOUR MOVEMENTS.
THIS ENTIRE ROOM IS SURROUNDED BY A BARRIER.
SLASHING OBVIOUSLY WON'T WORK. THIS BARRIER IS ALSO DESIGNED TO NULLIFY MOST SPELLS, BE IT OFFENSIVE OR NOT.


THE INTERIOR OF THIS ROOM MIGHT LOOK NORMAL, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT'S PRETTY STURDY.
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT BROKEN BY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MAGICAL POWERS STRONGER THAN ITSELF, YOUR SAFETY IS GUARANTEED.

NOW THEN.
PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES COMFOR-TABLE.
SINCE I'LL BE ACCOMPANYING RAIN AS WELL, I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO YOU DIRECTLY, BUT...

JUST IN CASE, I'LL BE LEAVING A GUARD WHO'S CAPABLE OF RESTRAINING YOU GUYS.
A GUARD WITH AN UNPLEASANT STARE!

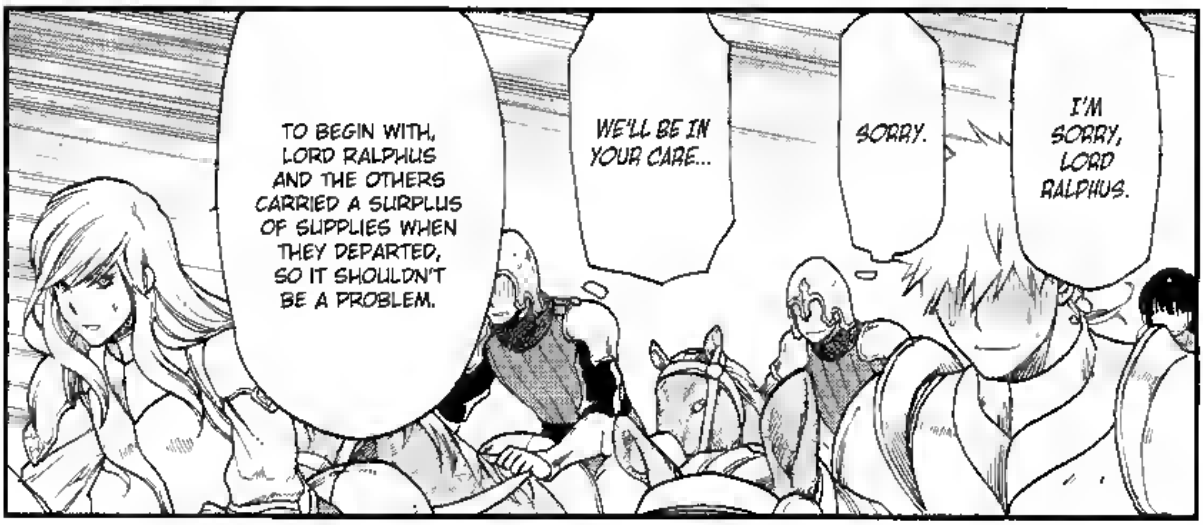

IF ALL SORTS OF MAGIC DON'T WORK WITHIN THIS ROOM.
WHY THEN...
IS SHE BEING LOCKED BY SOME SORT OF MAGIC?

"ACCOM-PANYING." THAT'S NEW.
I'M SORRY.

YOU DON'T TRUST ME?
EVEN SO...
EVEN THOUGH I MIGHT BE A BURDEN IF I GO ALONG...
I KNOW I'M MAKING A SELFISH REQUEST.
NO!
I WANT TO MEET WITH LADY FOLNIER AND THE OTHERS ONE MORE TIME...
IF BY ANY CHANCE A WAR WERE TO BREAK OUT, IT'LL BE MY RESPONSIBILITY DURING SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME...
THAT'S WHY, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW ME TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, I THINK IT WILL BE MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SPEAK.
MAY I?

AS YOU WISH.
IT'S DEFINITELY A GOOD THING THAT WE CAN INCREASE OUR SPEED.
BUT IS IT REALLY OKAY TO TRAVEL WITHOUT SUPPLIES?
YOU MUST ALL JOIN UP WITH RALPHUS WITHIN A DAY OR SO.
DISCARD ALL SUPPLY LINES AND BRING ALONG ONLY YOUR INDIVIDUAL RATION PACKS.
DON'T WORRY.

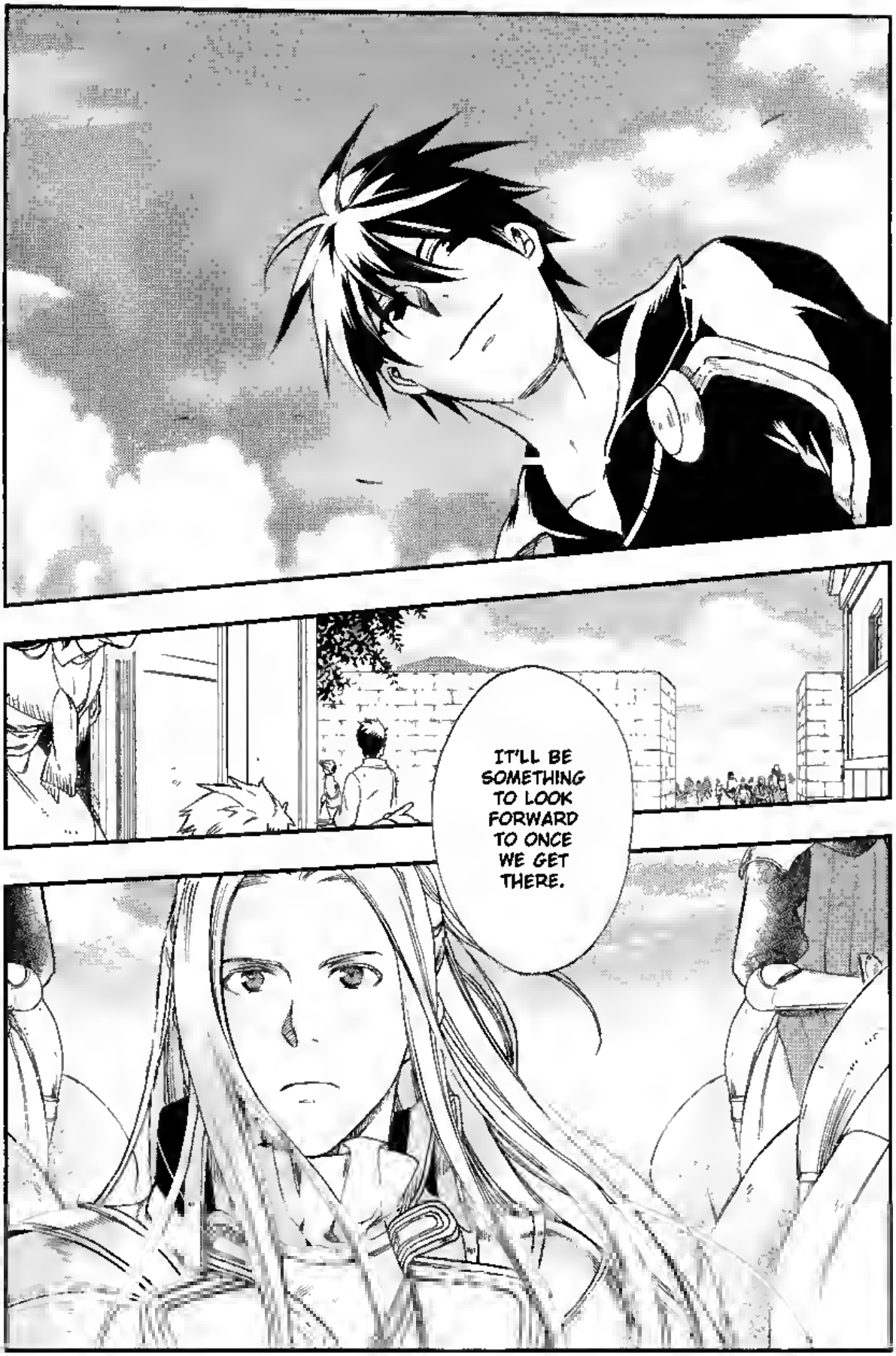
WE'LL BE EXTORTING MEALS FROM RALPHUS!!!


I'M SORRY, LORD RALPHUS.
SORRY.
WE'LL BE IN YOUR CARE...
TO BEGIN WITH, LORD RALPHUS AND THE OTHERS CARRIED A SURPLUS OF SUPPLIES WHEN THEY DEPARTED, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

FOR OUR SAKE, THEY INCREASED THEIR LOAD AND AS A RESULT, THEY WERE SLOWED DOWN.
IF YOU WANT TO APOLOGIZE THAT MUCH, THE LEAST WE COULD DO IS TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE DECOY TROOPS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SENOA?

THEY AREN'T DECOYS.
THEY ARE THE BATTLING TROOPS.
EEH!!?
I DIDN'T TELL YOU GUYS?
CAN A MERE TWO THOUSAND GO UP AGAINST TEN THOUSAND?
YOU EVEN ENTRUSTED THEM WITH THE MEALS?
GENERAL, DO YOU KNOW WHAT "SHAME" IS?
THEY ARE REPRIMANDING YOU AS THEY PLEASE, HUH.
SHUT UP!

AS IF I'D LET HIM DIE!
THIS IS A STRATEGY THAT ONLY HE CAN PULL OFF, THAT'S WHY I LEFT IT TO HIM.
CROSSING SWORDS DOESN'T EQUAL A BATTLE.
BUT RALPHUS IS PROBABLY GOING TO HATE ME FOR THIS...
SEEING IT WITH YOUR EYES WOULD BE FASTER THAN EXPLAINING IT.
EXACTLY WHAT DID YOU ENTRUST HIM WITH?
RAIN.


IT'LL BE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO ONCE WE GET THERE.

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CHAPTER 26.
TRUE HEART.

LORD KNIGHT ...
IS ANYTHING THE MATTER?
ARE YOU THE MAYOR OF THIS TOWN?
I'M SORRY IF THIS IS A LITTLE TOO SUDDEN, BUT COULD YOU ASSEMBLE EVERYONE FOR ME?
JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE WERE CLOSE, THIS ...
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT... THERE'S A LION SYMBOL ON THE FLAG.
REPORT FROM HEAD-QUAR-TERS!

Syandrys' camp outside the walls of Lydia.
JUNNA WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE
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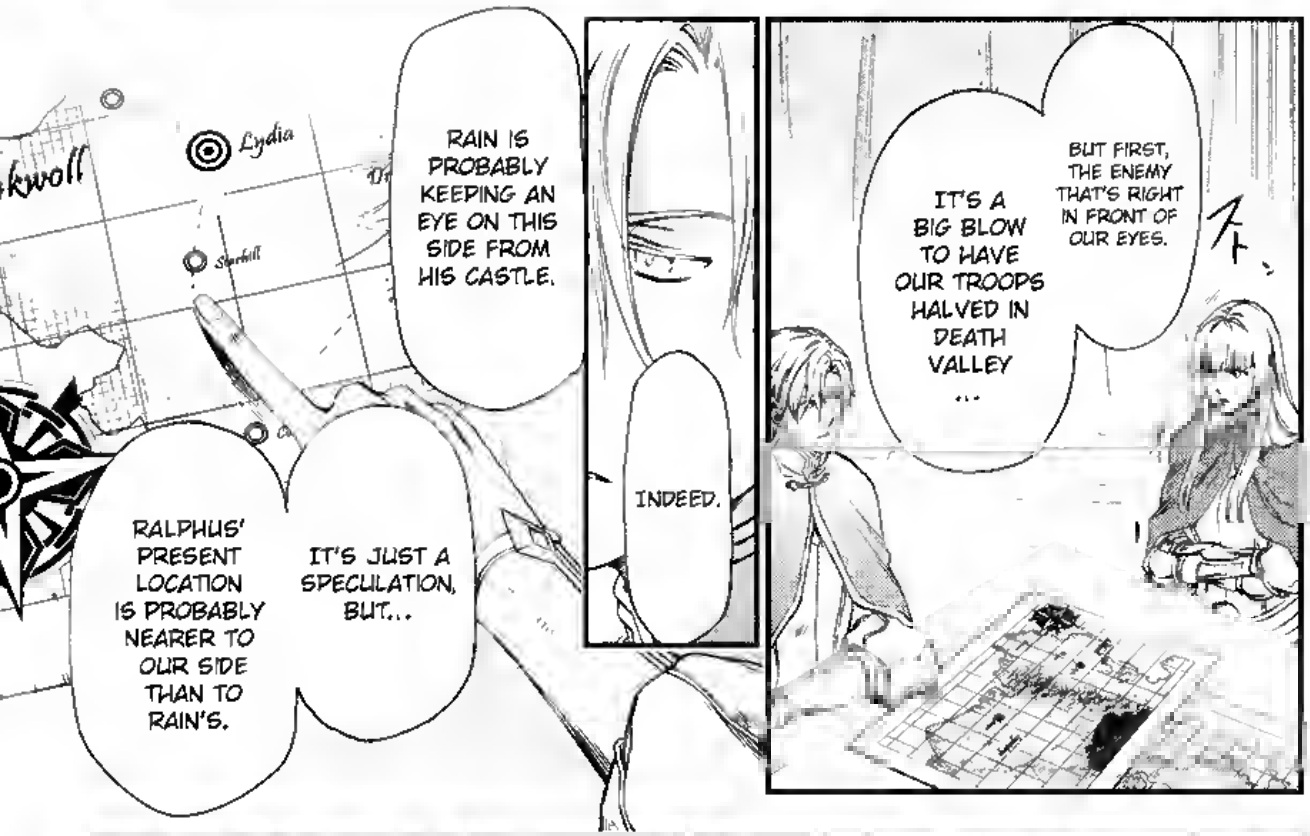
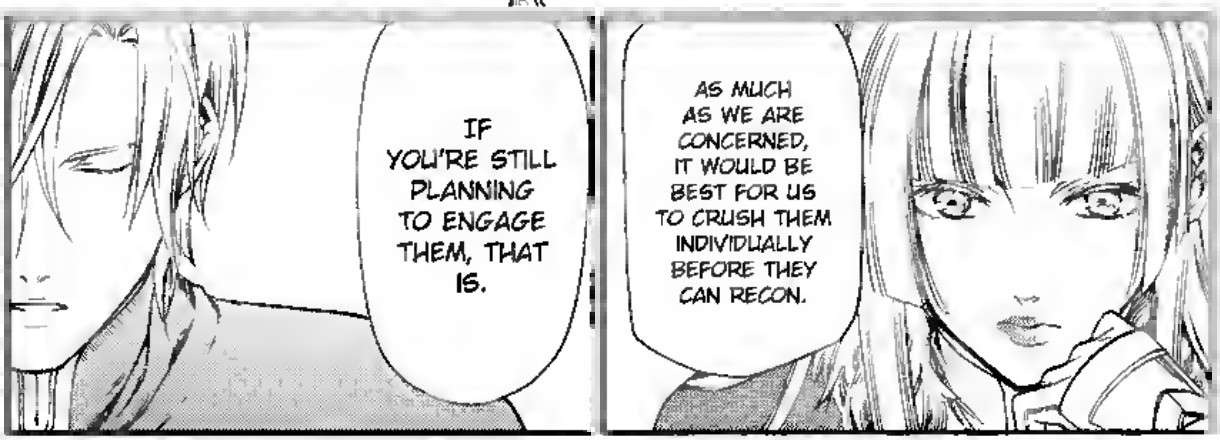
THERE'S NO POINT IN CAPTURING HOSTAGES WITHOUT DOING THEM ANY HARM, RIGHT?
BUT WHY DID HE CAPTURE THE THREE OF THEM ALIVE?
HE SCARED THEM QUITE A BIT, AND EVEN DROVE THEM TO RETREAT.
AS AN ENEMY, HE'S RATHER REMARK-ABLE.
FOR ALL THREE OF THEM TO GET CAUGHT TOGETHER ...
IF THEY RETURN THE HOSTAGES, WE'LL DO THE SAME AND CAPTURE THEIR COMRADES BEFORE INVADING THEIR COUNTRY.
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO GIVE IN JUST YET.
THEY USED SHING AND THE OTHERS AS SHIELDS THE TROOPS WOULDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO RETREAT.

Holding hostages would only fuel the fire.
What is he after?
He would have probably predicted our responses as well...
Rain completely read our movements at Death Valley.


Lydia
Skerhill
RAIN IS PROBABLY KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS SIDE FROM HIS CASTLE.
INDEED.
IT'S A BIG BLOW TO HAVE OUR TROOPS HALVED IN DEATH VALLEY ...
BUT FIRST, THE ENEMY THAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES.
RALPHUS' PRESENT LOCATION IS PROBABLY NEARER TO OUR SIDE THAN TO RAIN'S.
IT'S JUST A SPECULATION, BUT...


IF YOU'RE STILL PLANNING TO ENGAGE THEM, THAT IS.
AS MUCH AS WE ARE CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO CRUSH THEM INDIVIDUALLY BEFORE THEY CAN RECON.

YES, MA'AM.
GIVE THE ORDER TO ALL COMMANDERS TO PREPARE FOR PURSUIT.
IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR MOVE.
Fewer troops?
!
EVEN IF THE ENEMY HAS FEWER TROOPS, I'M GOING ALL OUT!
Then ...
He predicted all our movements up till now.
WHAT'S WRONG?

A FAST HORSE?
YOUR HIGHNESS! LORD JOE!
THE SCOUT FROM RALPHUS' LOCATION!
WE HAVE CONFIRMED RALPHUS' TROOPS AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL CITY.
HIS MILITARY STRENGTH IS...

WAS RALPHUS REALLY THE DECOY?

ABOUT NINE-THOUSAND !!!
!!?

I'M SURE EVERYONE HERE IS AWARE OF THIS COUNTRY'S CURRENT SITUATION AS WELL.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM HAVING SUCH MILITARY STRENGTH!?
WASN'T IT TWO THOUSAND?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE... WHERE DID THEY GET SUCH NUMBERS ...
That's it!
THE CIVIL WAR AGAINST THE PRINCESS LED BY SAPHIR'S INFLUENCE ...
It's not a different troop...
AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE INVASION BY OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, SYANORYS!
No, to begin with, they weren't even knights ...
THAT'S WHY... PLEASE ...

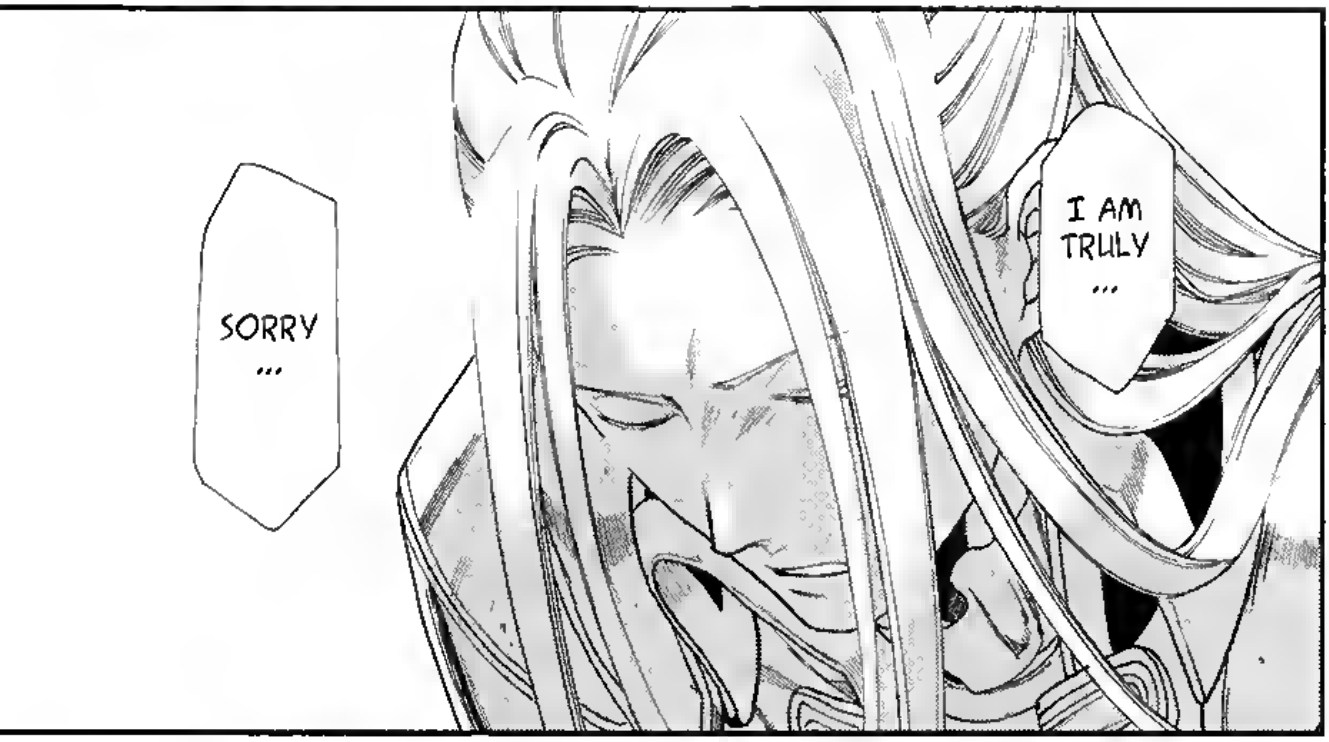
THEY ARE ORDINARY CITIZENS !!!
PLEASE LEND US YOUR STRENGTH !!

WHILE WE WERE SO ENGROSSED WITH RAIN, WE ACTUALLY UNDERESTIMATED THAT PERSON.
RALPHUS JULIARD JERVELL.

WE HAVE ALREADY PREPARED THE TOOLS AND WEAPONS NECESSARY.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ACCOMPANY US AS FELLOW TROOPS.
IT'S OUR DUTY AS KNIGHTS TO PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE AND FIGHT.
WHAT WE NEED OF YOU TO THE VERY END IS YOUR NUMBERS AS "FAKE TROOPS".
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORCING YOU INTO THE BATTLEFIELD OR ALLOWING ANY OF YOU TO DIE.

IF BY ANY CHANCE OUR STRATEGY FALLS APART, WE WILL TAKE ALL RESPONSIBILITY!
I, RALPHUS JULIARD SUNKWOLL, WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON TO TAKE ALL RESPONSIBILITY!
IF YOU STILL HAVE SOME HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY...
I WANT YOU TO LEND US YOUR STRENGTH!

THE REASON FOR MY BEING HERE TODAY IS UNMISTAKABLY DUE TO OUR LACK OF MANPOWER.


SORRY
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I AM
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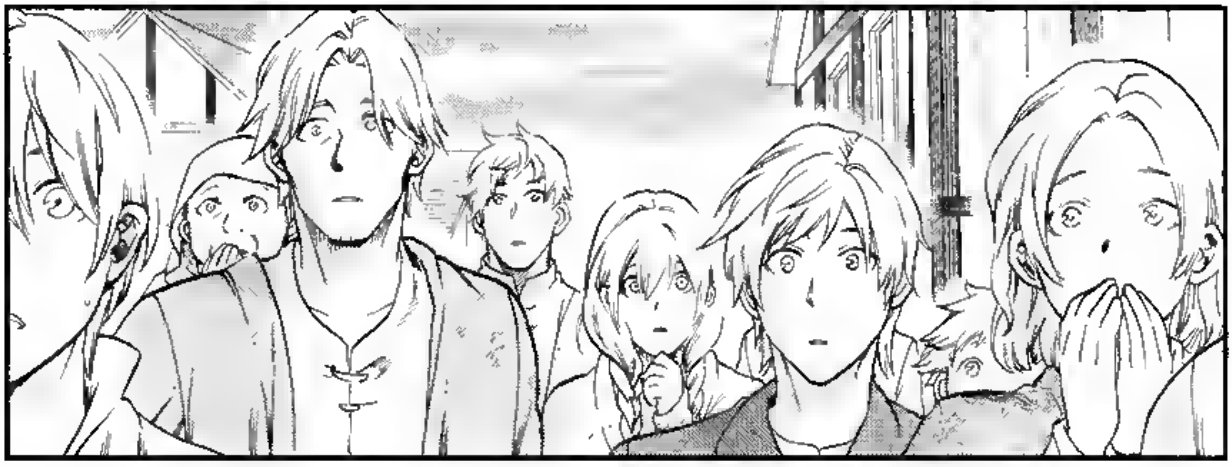
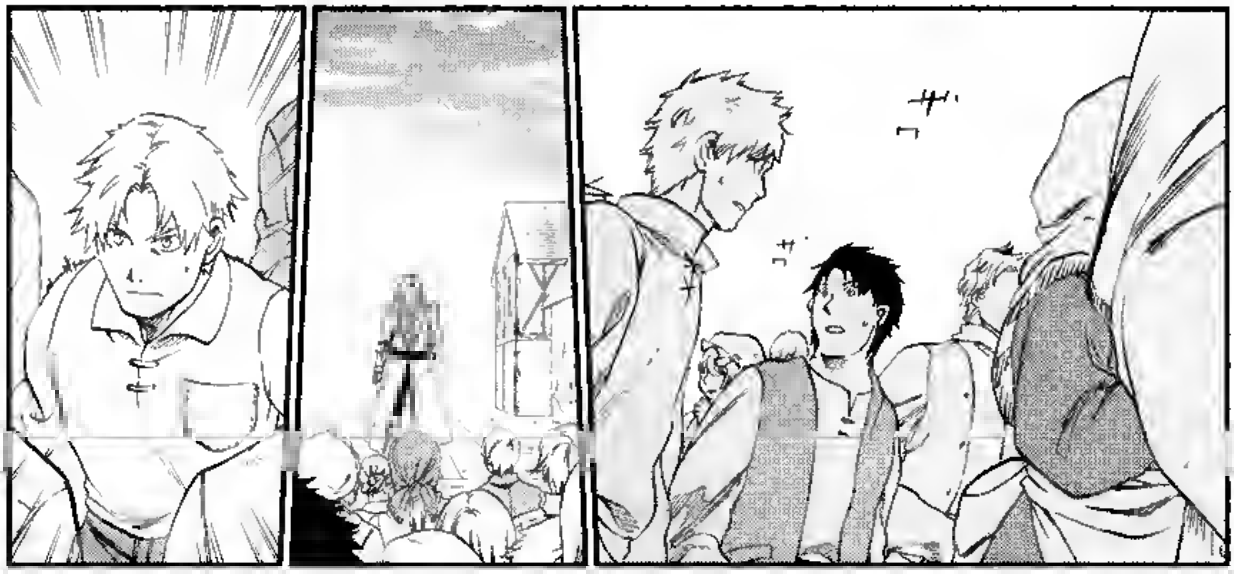




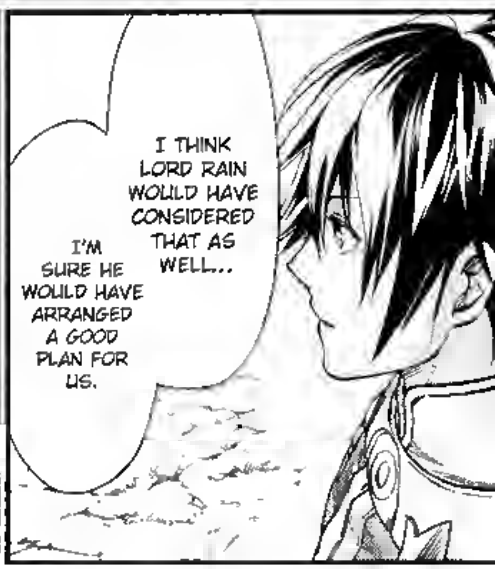
IF YOU PROVIDE ME WITH THE WEAPONS, I'LL FIGHT WITH YOU!
I HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS A GUARD!
I'M ACCUSTOMED TO BATTLES LIKE THIS.
I WAS FORMERLY A MERCENARY.
I CAN USE A SWORD AS WELL.
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.
ME TOO!
LET US FOLLOW YOU!
I'LL SHOW YOU I CAN STAY ON!
ME TOO... I CAN'T USE A SWORD, BUT...
IF IT'S TO ACCOMPANY YOU...
WE WILL DO SO AS WELL... FIGHTING MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US, BUT...

WAH.
PLEASE DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
JUST ACCOMPANYING US AS FELLOW SOLDIERS WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
YOUR NAME?
JO... JOHAN.
THANK YOU, JOHAN.
EVERYONE AS WELL... THANK YOU.
WE'LL BE IN YOUR CARE!

WITH THE REINFORCEMENT OF MISS SELF-PROCLAIMED FIANCEE, ONLY OUR NUMBERS BECAME COMPLETE ...
I WONDER IF THAT PERSON ACTUALLY KNOWS THE REASON BEHIND OUR UNITY.
THEY SHOULDN'T BE FOLLOWING US TO THE BATTLEFIELD WITH THAT MINDSET, EH?

BUT IT REMAINS TO BE TRUE THAT WE WERE SAVED BY LORD RAIN BACK IN OLD LUNAN.

Hey!
I THOUGHT YOU'VE ALWAYS DISLIKED GENERAL RAIN?
IT'S NOT AS IF I LIKE HIM OR ANYTHING.


I THINK LORD RAIN WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED THAT AS WELL...
I'M SURE HE WOULD HAVE ARRANGED A GOOD PLAN FOR US.

MOREOVER, HE'S A PERSON THAT LORD RALPHUS TRUSTS.
THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD ALLOW THESE PEOPLE GO THROUGH A ROUGH TIME.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
AFTER ALL, HE IS THE FRIEND THAT OUR GENERAL ALWAYS BOASTS ABOUT!
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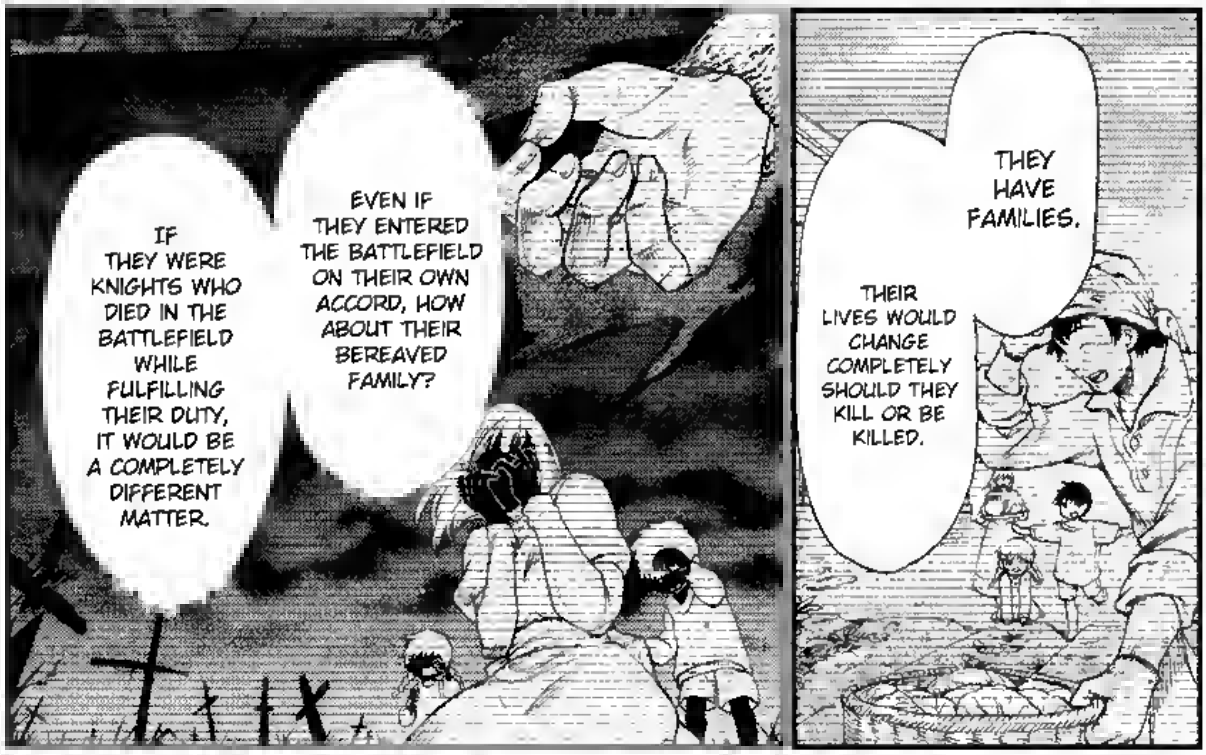
HAVE YOU FINALLY AWOKEN TO MY CHARM?
THIS SURE IS RARE.
FOR YOU TO INVITE ME OUT FOR A WALK.
ENOUGH ALREADY. HURRY UP AND GET TO THE MAIN POINT.
WE HAVE TO WAKE EARLY TOMOR-ROW.
...YES?
IT'S NOTHING.
YOU'RE REALLY WAY DENSER THAN A MUD DOLL WHEN IT COMES TO THIS KIND OF STUFF.
Mud.
I WAS STUPID TO HAVE EXPECTA-TIONS.

YES.
THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE NOT EVEN SOLDIERS. THEY'RE JUST NORMAL CITIZENS
THE ONE WITH THE SUPERIOR NUMBERS AT FIRST ENDS UP HAVING THE TABLES TURNED ON THEM.

YOUR HIGHNESS, DO YOU PLAN ON FIGHTING HIM?

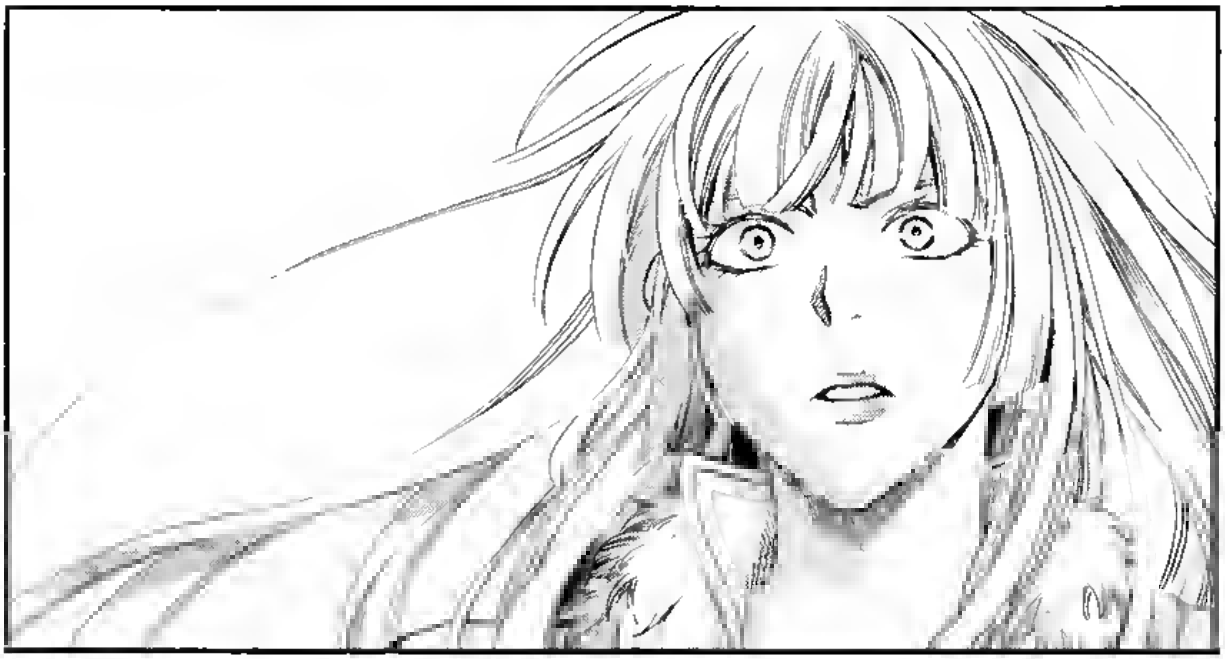
EVEN IF THEY ARE CITIZENS, AS LONG AS THEY CARRY WEAPONS IN THEIR HAND AND ENTER THE BATTLEFIELD, I WON'T GO EASY ON THEM.
I DID UNDER-ESTIMATE RAIN A LITTLE, BUT...
I'M NOT SO COMPASSIONATE A PERSON AS TO STOP AND RETREAT NOW.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO GOVERN THIS LAND AFTERWARDS?
BUT EVEN IF YOU EMERGE VICTORIOUS AFTER SHOOTING DOWN THE NORMAL CITIZENS.
IT'S AS YOU HAVE SAID.


IF THEY WERE KNIGHTS WHO DIED IN THE BATTLEFIELD WHILE FULFILLING THEIR DUTY, IT WOULD BE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MATTER.
EVEN IF THEY ENTERED THE BATTLEFIELD ON THEIR OWN ACCORD, HOW ABOUT THEIR BEREAVED FAMILY?
THEY HAVE FAMILIES.
THEIR LIVES WOULD CHANGE COMPLETELY SHOULD THEY KILL OR BE KILLED.

TO THEM, WE ARE BUT AGGRESSIVE PEOPLE WHO TOOK AWAY THEIR LOVED ONES.
WE WOULD ONLY INVITE MORE HATRED AND INSURRECTIONS.
IF WE HOLD THEM DOWN BY FORCE, WE WOULD ONLY WIDEN THE GAP BETWEEN US.
DO YOU PLAN TO GOVERN SUCH A COUNTRY?
IS THAT ...
WHAT HE'S AFTER?
NO.

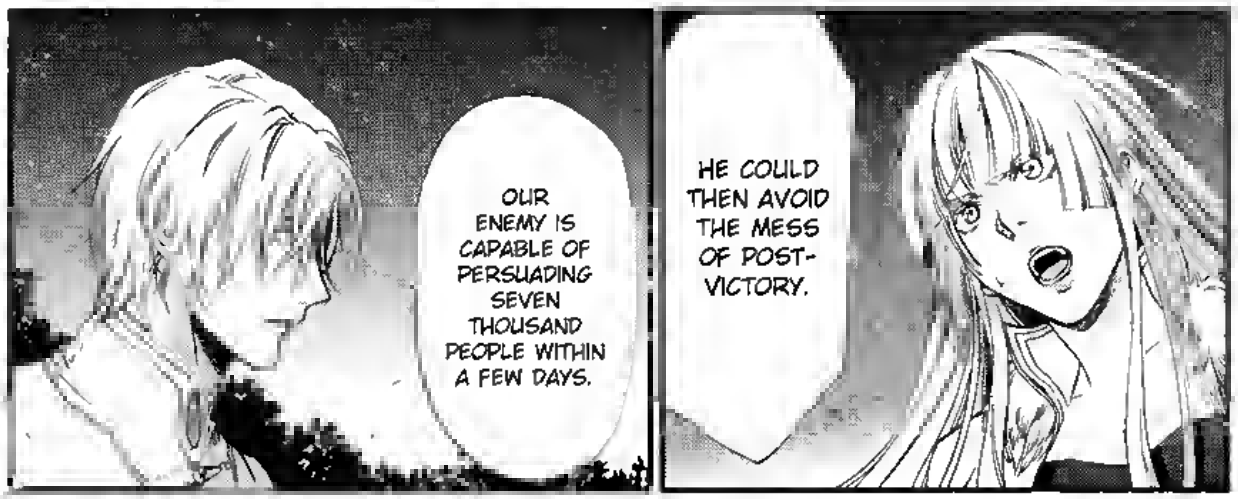
RAIN DESIRES PEACE.



WASN'T HE THE ONE WHO INSISTED ON RESISTING?

WHAT ARE YOU ...
IF HE WERE SERIOUS, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CASUAL-TIES.

IF WE RETREAT, I THINK RALPHUS WILL DISMISS THE VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS RIGHT OUTSIDE THE BATTLEFIELD.
HE WON'T MAKE THEM FIGHT FOR REAL.
USING MERE CITIZENS AS SHIELDS...YOU CALL THAT PEACE?
WHAT ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY MARCHING RIGHT NOW?


OUR ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF PERSUADING SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WITHIN A FEW DAYS.
HE COULD THEN AVOID THE MESS OF POST-VICTORY.

EVERYTHING WAS A WARNING.
EVEN IF THE REAL PERSON IS UNAWARE OF THIS, RAIN HAD PROBABLY FORESEEN THIS.
THEY WILL FIGHT FOR RALPHUS ...

"IF YOU DON'T WITHDRAW, PREPARE FOR AN UNSIGHTLY SCENE."
"IF YOU INVADE US, WE'LL STAND AND FIGHT."
"We'll gladly accept a peaceful relationship with you."
"IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART, CAST AWAY YOUR HOPES AND WISHES HENCEFORTH."

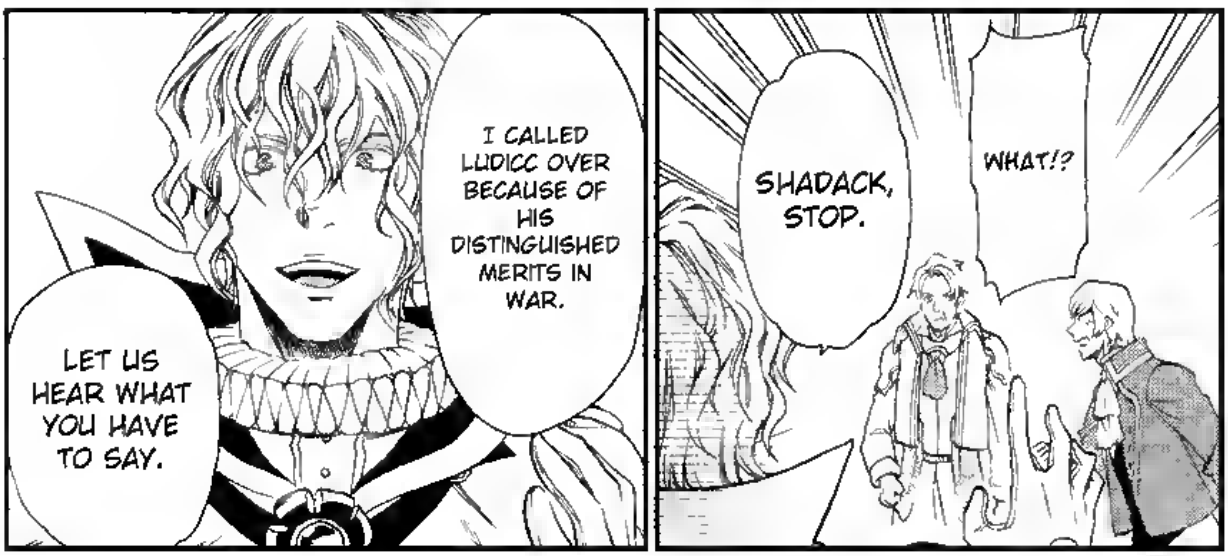
WILL YOUR ANSWER BE...
Peace?
Or war?
SO THE ONE WHO ENDED UP BEING TESTED ...
AS TO WHETHER HE OR SHE IS WORTH IT... WAS ME.
"HOW ABOUT YOUR SIDE?"

I'M NOT WITHDRAWING.
I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE TWO GENERALS' CAPABILITIES.
BUT IT'S TOO EARLY TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.
UNTIL I SEE THAT PRINCESS ONE MORE TIME...
I CAN'T LOWER MY SWORD.
I UNDER-STAND.
WE STILL HAVE TIME.
PLEASE GIVE IT A CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT UNTIL THE MOMENT WE ENGAGE IN BATTLE.
JOE?

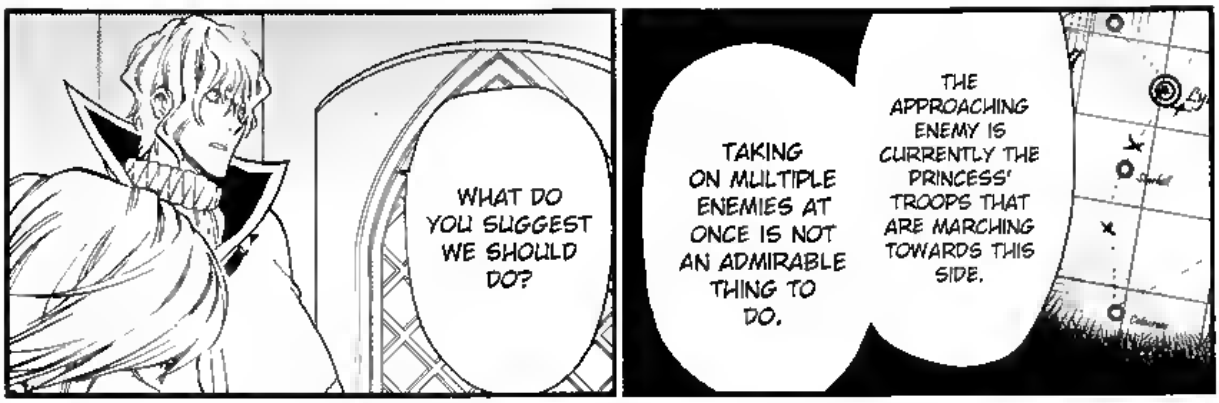
THE FIGHTING SPIRIT WITHIN LYDIA IS RISING RAPIDLY.

HOW MANY DAYS HAS PASSED SINCE THE ENEMY STATIONED THEMSELVES OUTSIDE OUR CAPITAL CITY?
IT'S A DISGRACE TO THE ENTIRE NATION FOR US ROYAL FAMILIES TO FORGIVE SUCH INSOLENCE!
NOW IS THE TIME TO PASS JUDGMENT UPON THEM!
YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE WAIT!
HUH?
IS THIS AN OPPOSITION, LUDICC?

THERE IS NO NEED TO HEAR HIM OUT, YOUR HIGHNESS.
PLEASE DO NOT LOWER OUR MORALE, CAPTAIN OF A THOUSAND MEN.
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE AFRAID, CAN YOU?
IT'S MY JOB TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE UPPER HANDS IN A BATTLE.
FOOL-HARDINESS WILL NOT HELP US AT ALL, LORD SHADACK.


WHAT!?
SHADACK, STOP.
I CALLED LUDICC OVER BECAUSE OF HIS DISTINGUISHED MERITS IN WAR.
LET US HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

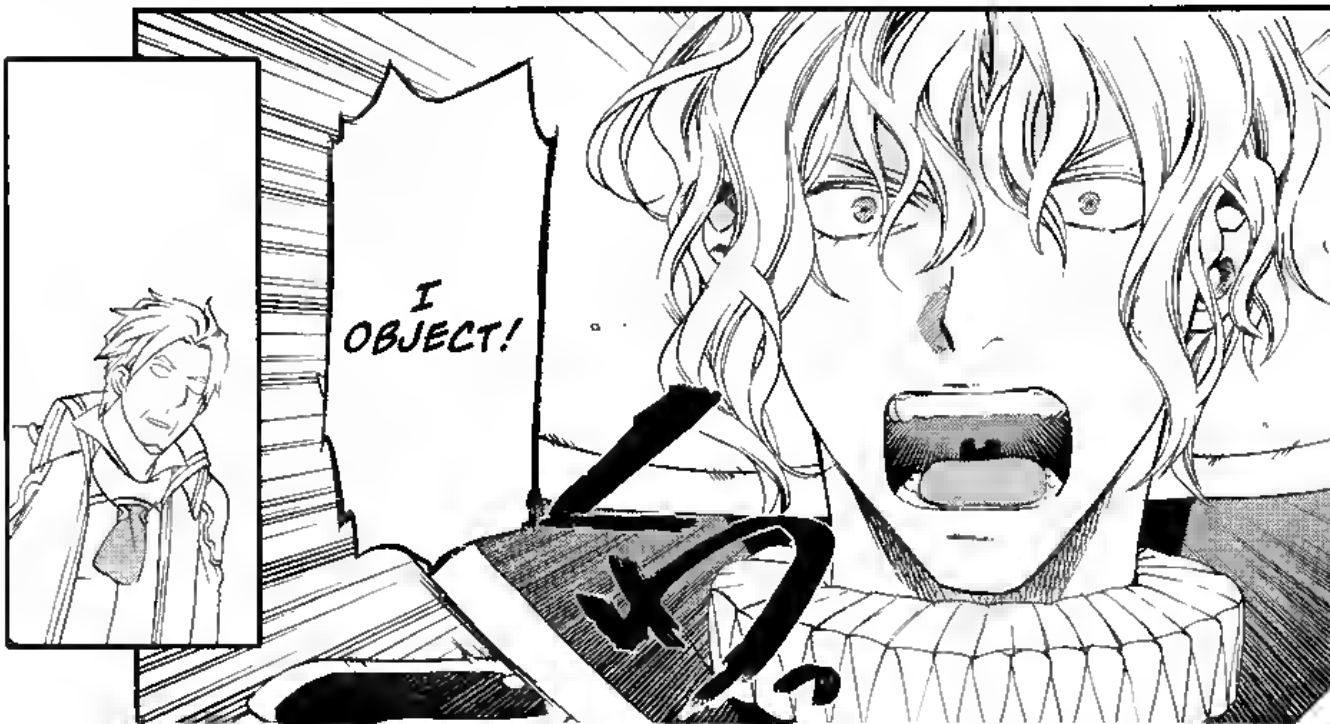
He actually sided with me...
IT'S NOT AN OPPOSITION.


WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST WE SHOULD DO?
THE APPROACHING ENEMY IS CURRENTLY THE PRINCESS' TROOPS THAT ARE MARCHING TOWARDS THIS SIDE.
TAKING ON MULTIPLE ENEMIES AT ONCE IS NOT AN ADMIRABLE THING TO DO.

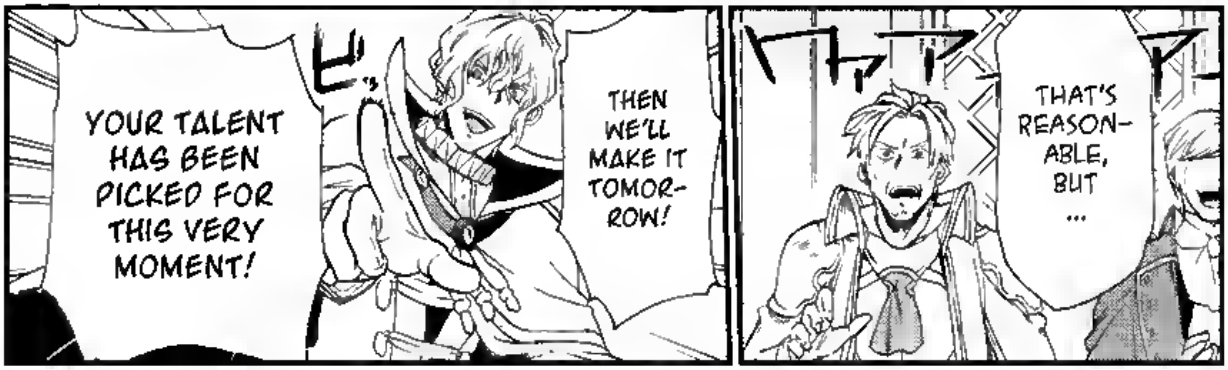
HMM ...
THAT CERTAINLY MAKES SENSE.

LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT WHILE WE OBSERVE FROM THE SIDE UNTIL THE BATTLE ENDS.
WE WILL THEN STRIKE WHOEVER'S LEFT WHILE THEY ARE STILL FATIGUED.

THEN ...


I OBJECT!

STANDING IDLY WHILE WE WATCH THE INVADERS AND REBELS MAKE THEIR MOVES WOULD ONLY REVEAL OUR INCAPABILITY THE WORLD, WON'T IT?
I'M THE KING OF A COUNTRY!
I'M NO LONGER JUST A GENERAL.


YOUR TALENT HAS BEEN PICKED FOR THIS VERY MOMENT!
THEN WE'LL MAKE IT TOMOR-ROW!
THAT'S REASON-ABLE, BUT ...

YOU SHOULD JUST QUIETLY HUDDLE YOURSELF WITHIN YOUR CASTLE WALLS ...
THAT FOOL DARES TO BARE HIS FANGS AT ME?

COME, JOE!
WAKE THE MESSEN-GER!
TOMORROW, WE DEPART!
LET'S END THIS !!!

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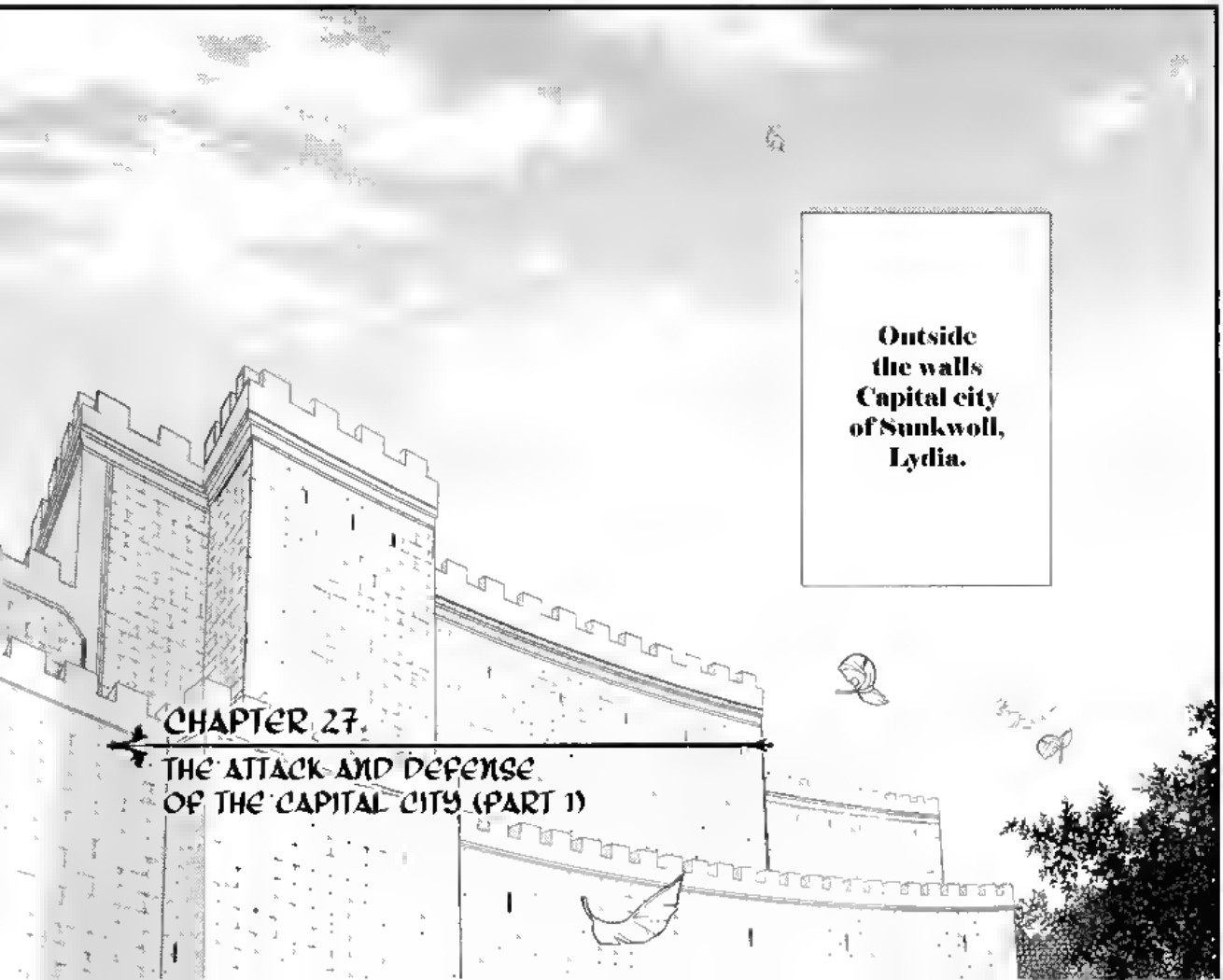

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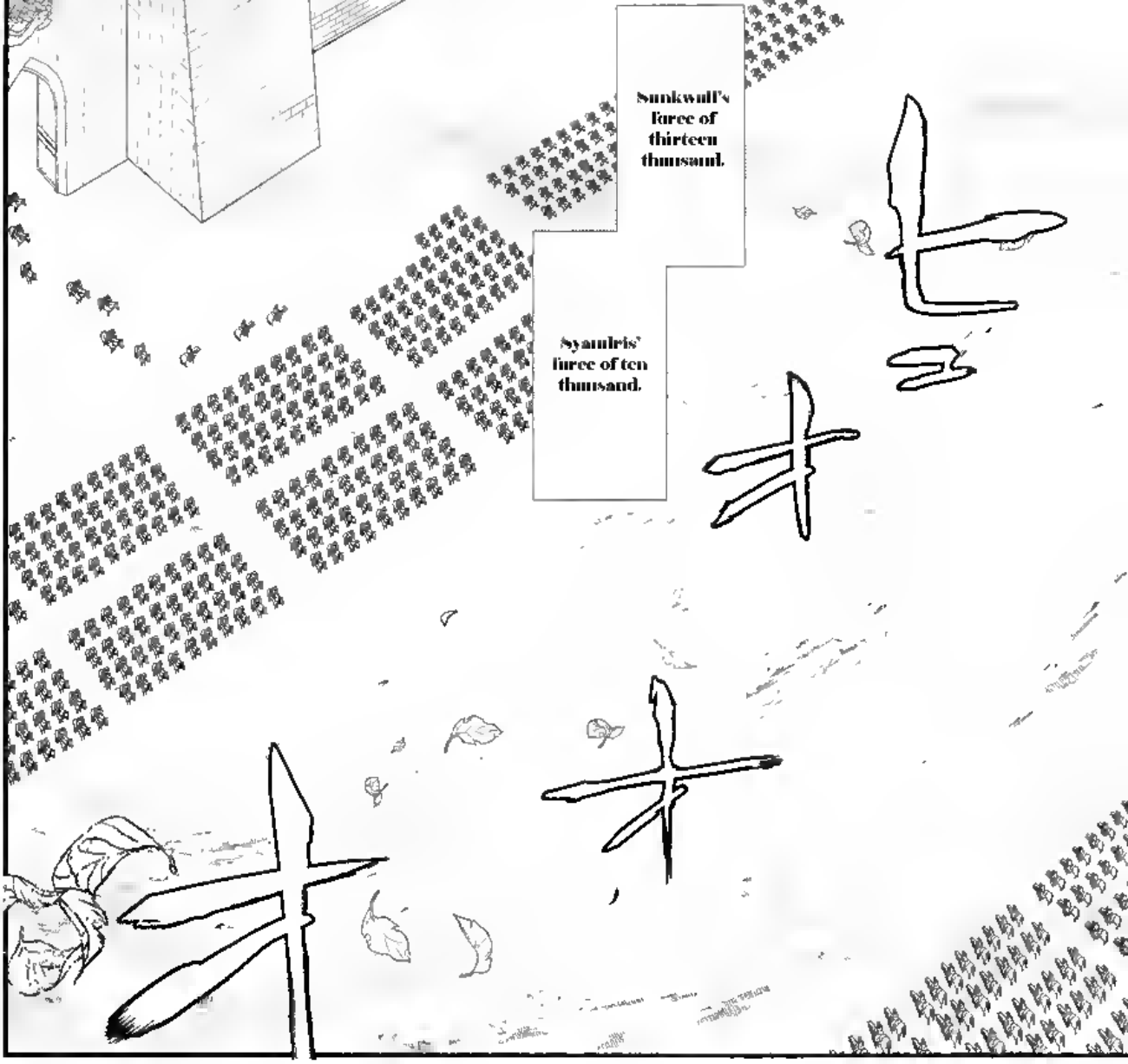
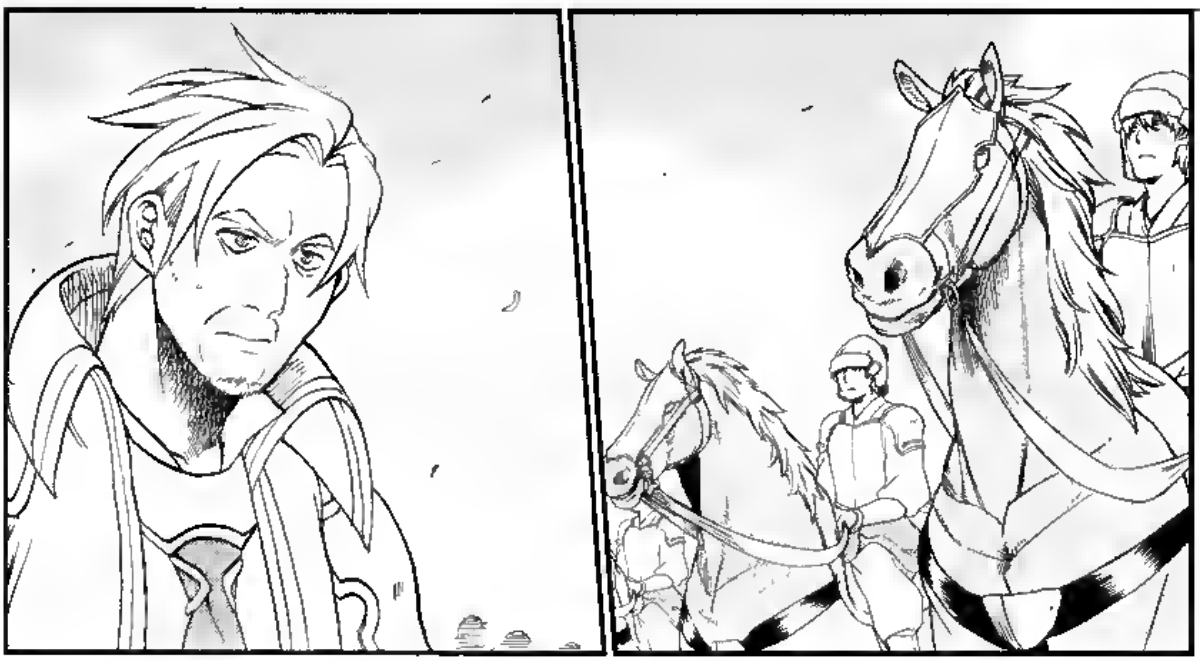
THE ATTACK AND DEFENSE OF THE CAPITAL CITY (PART 1)


Sunkwall's force of thirteen thousand.
Syaulris' force of ten thousand.



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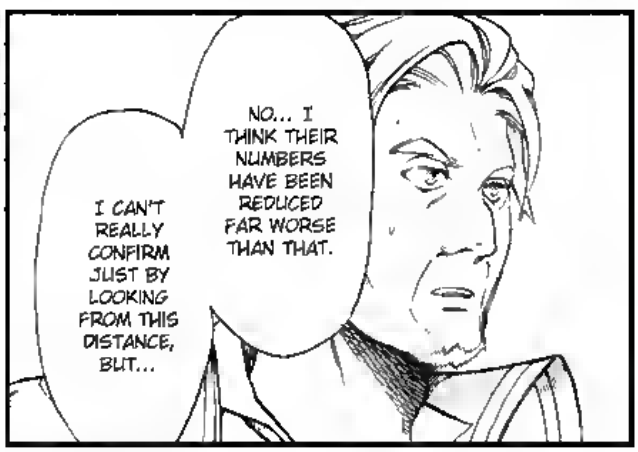
Just by looking at their formation, I can tell how formidable their commander is.
Not even a hint of noise and disturbance...

HURRY UP AND GET IN LINE!
As compared to them, our side...

HMM? WHAT'S WRONG?
YOUR MAJESTY
SHOULDN'T THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?
THEY WERE PROBABLY DIVIDED AND CRUSHED BY RAIN.
SOMEHOW, IT LOOKS LIKE SYANDRIS' TROOPS HAVE FALLEN IN NUMBER.

HE DID IN HALF THEIR TROOPS, EH?
MAYBE THEY RAN AWAY AFTER LOSING THEIR NUMBERS?


I CAN'T REALLY CONFIRM JUST BY LOOKING FROM THIS DISTANCE, BUT...
NO... I THINK THEIR NUMBERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED FAR WORSE THAN THAT.

I DARESAY THAT THEY ONLY HAVE ONE COMPANY.

While our troops are people who have been bought over with money.
Our enemy is under the direct command of Joe Ramberg, the man known as the Invincible Divine General.
Does he even understand...
YOU'RE WORRYING TOO MUCH, AREN'T YOU?
And it's hard to tell if the captains are actually capable...
I'll say that boosting morale through rewards wouldn't last long.
THERE'S NO NEED TO HESITATE!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN NUMBERS.

DO IT!!!
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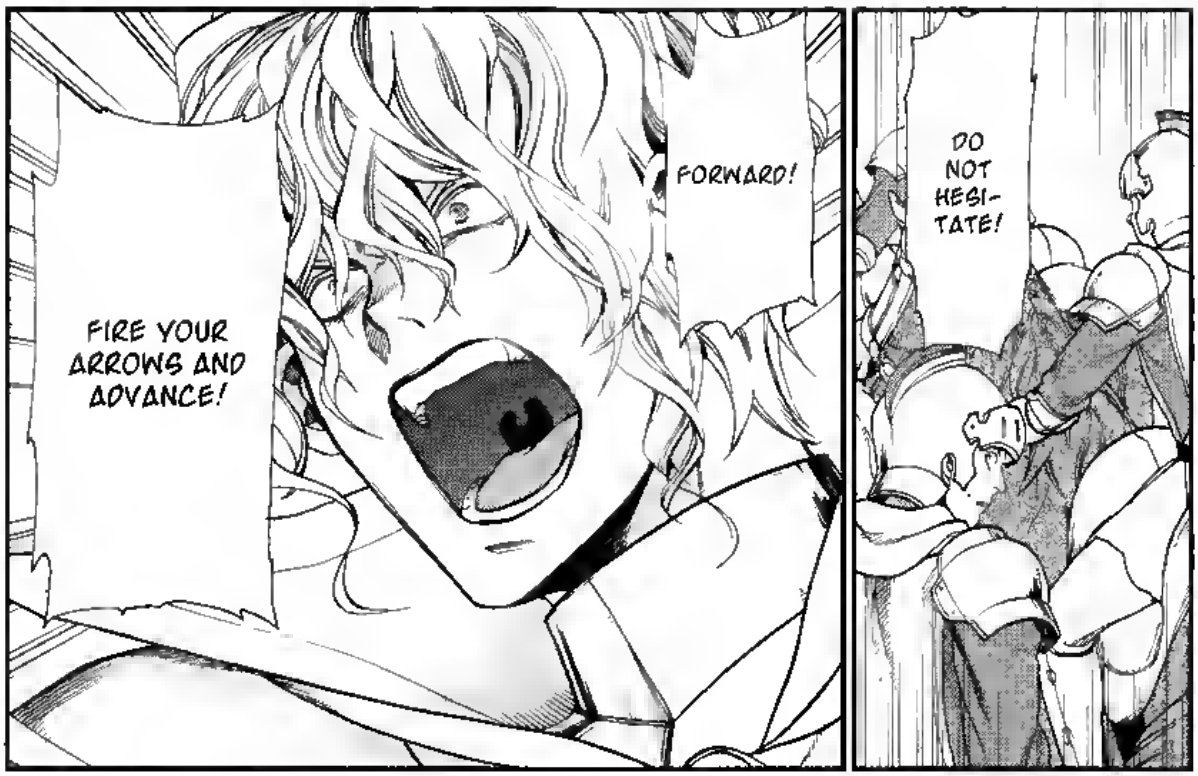
TAKE POSITION.
This is the Divine General's troops...

Not even a single cry of anguish...

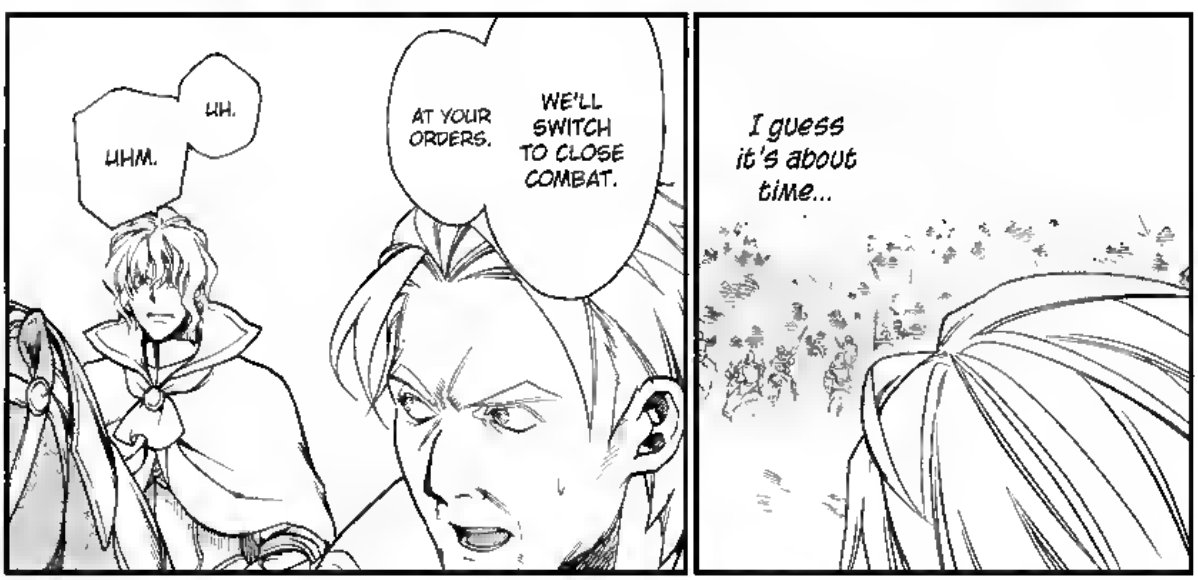
ARCHERS, COVER THEM.
VANGUARD, ADVANCE.
HERE THEY COME!

AAH!!

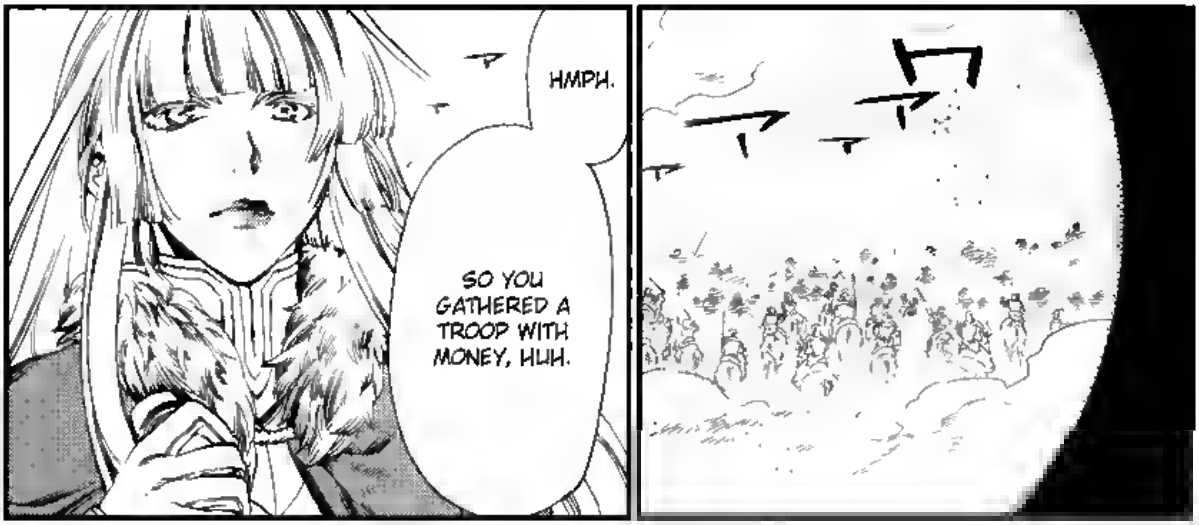
It's just starting.
It's probably hard for this person who's never been at the front line.
Even though we're only at this point of the battle, he is staying at the back.
I heard that he retreated immediately back at the battle of old Lunan...
YOUR MAJESTY.
WE SHOULDN'T LET THEM PUSH ANY ...


FIRE YOUR ARROWS AND ADVANCE!
FORWARD!
DO NOT HESI-TATE!

YES.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT!
LU-DICC!

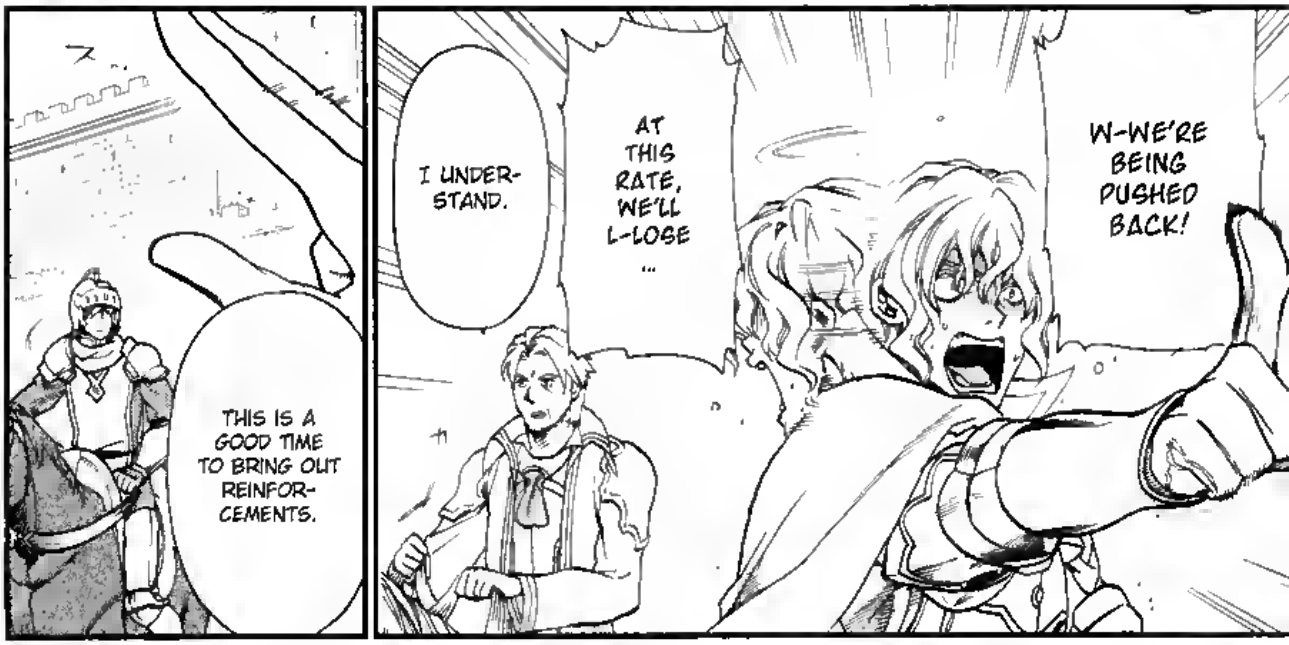

UH.
UHM.
AT YOUR ORDERS.
WE'LL SWITCH TO CLOSE COMBAT.
I guess it's about time...

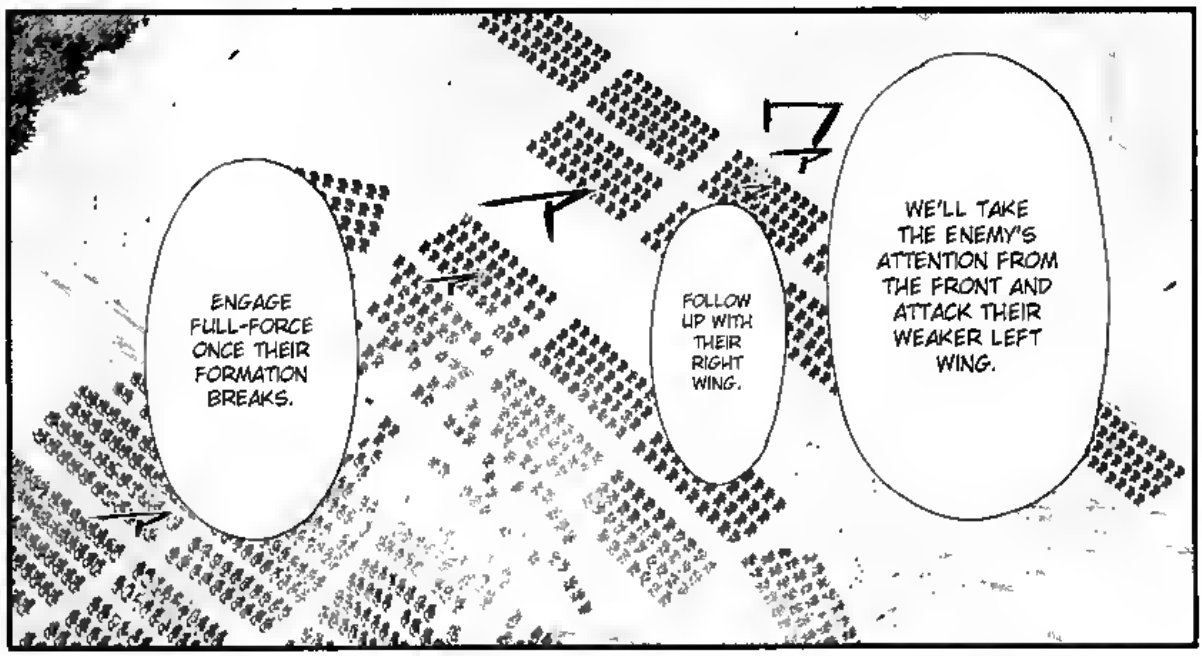
VANGUARD, ATTACK!!

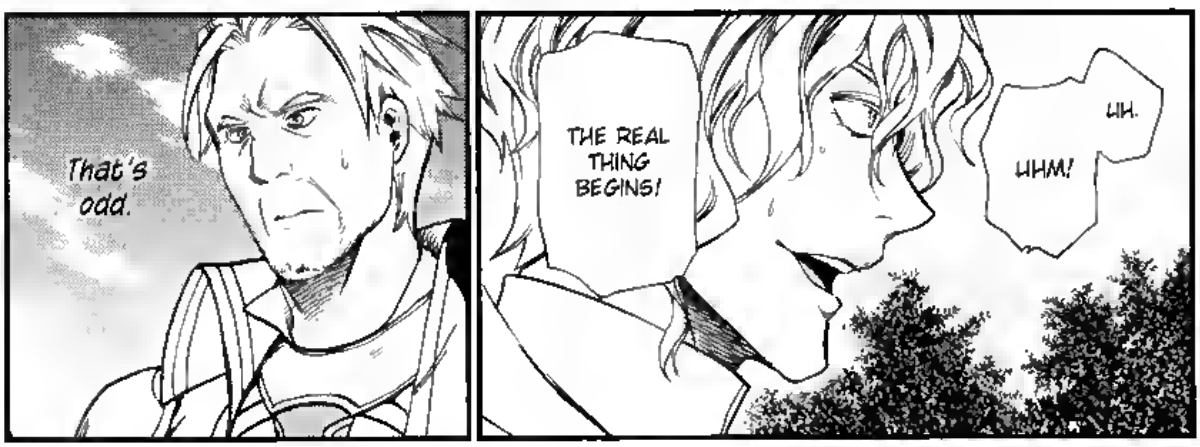

HMPH.
SO YOU GATHERED A TROOP WITH MONEY, HUH.

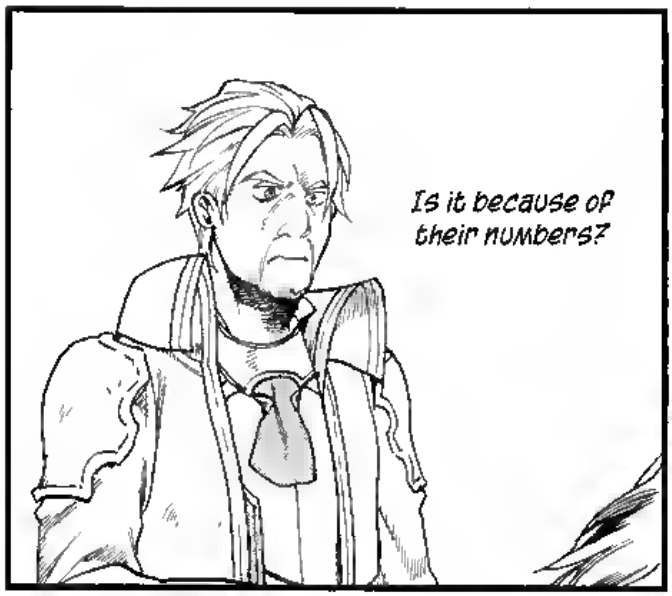
HEY!
YOU GUYS HAD BETTER STOP HOLDING ME BACK!

DON'T FALTER!
WE WILL WIN, WITHOUT A DOUBT.
WE WILL WIN, WITHOUT A DOUBT.
WE WILL DEFINITELY WIN!!


THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO BRING OUT REINFOR-CEMENTS.
I UNDER-STAND.
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL L-LOSE ...
W-WE'RE BEING PUSHED BACK!


ENGAGE FULL-FORCE ONCE THEIR FORMATION BREAKS.
FOLLOW UP WITH THEIR RIGHT WING.
WE'LL TAKE THE ENEMY'S ATTENTION FROM THE FRONT AND ATTACK THEIR WEAKER LEFT WING.


That's odd.
THE REAL THING BEGINS!
UH.
UHM!

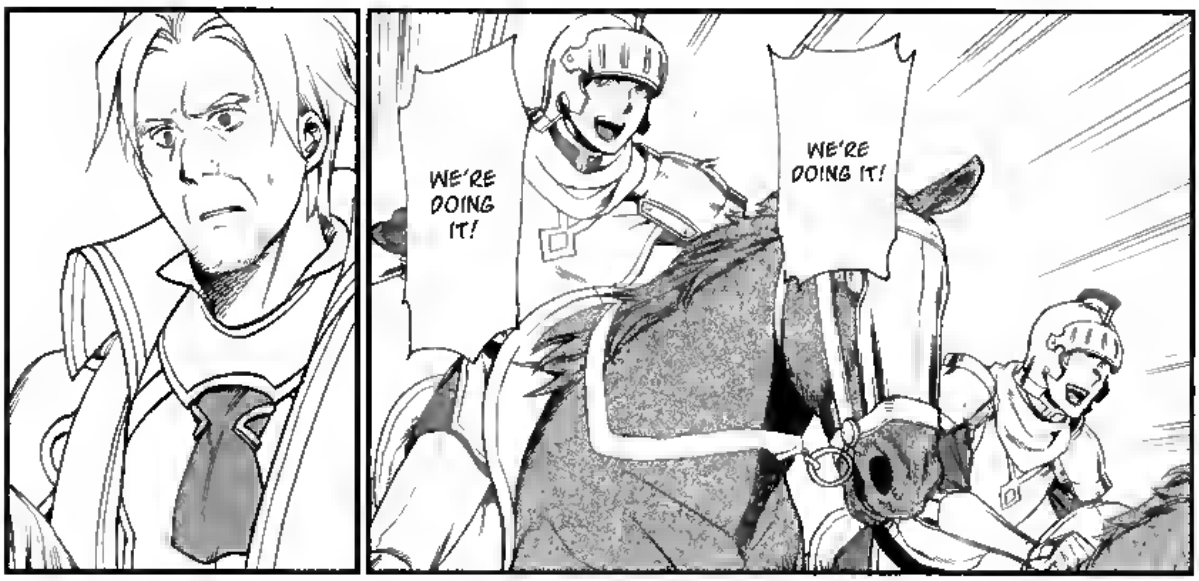

Is it because of their numbers?

Are they really going all out on a weak enemy?
Or...

For Syandrys to have a hard time against us...

Is everything just a trap?

RETREAT!!
RETREAT!


WE'RE DOING IT!
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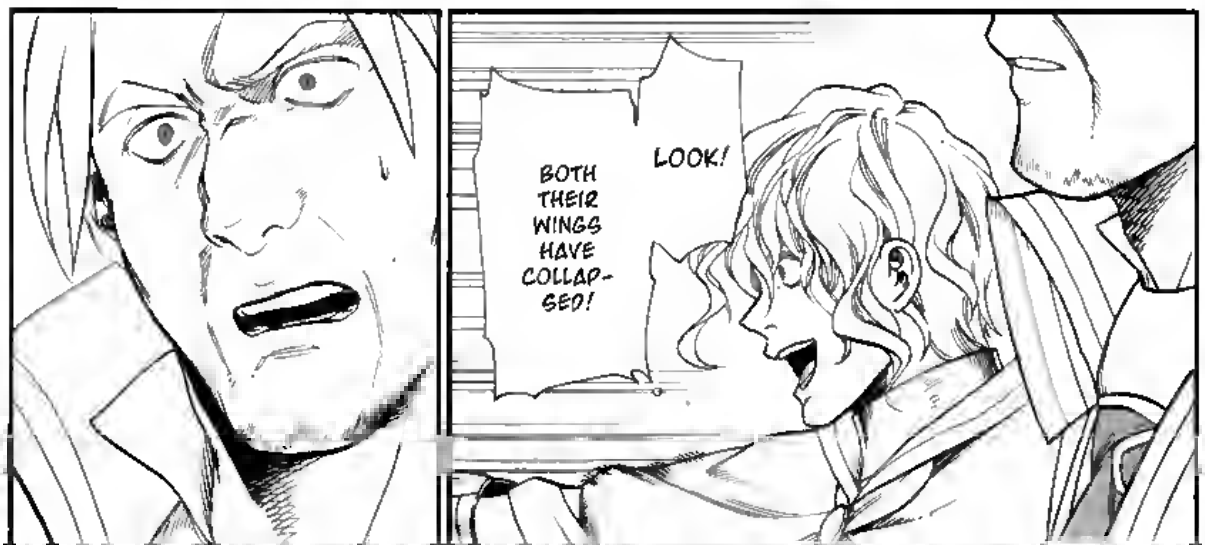
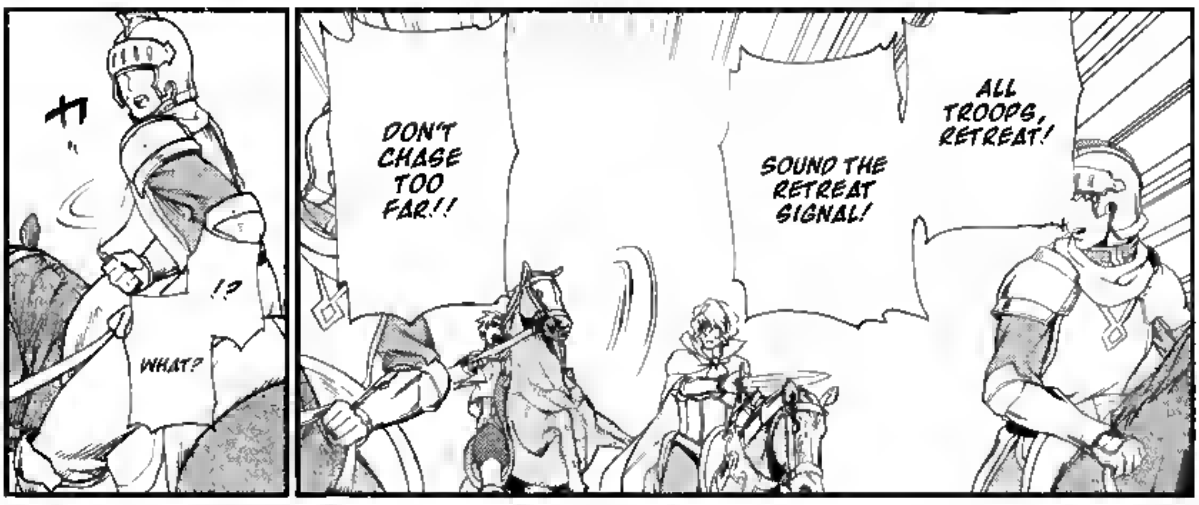
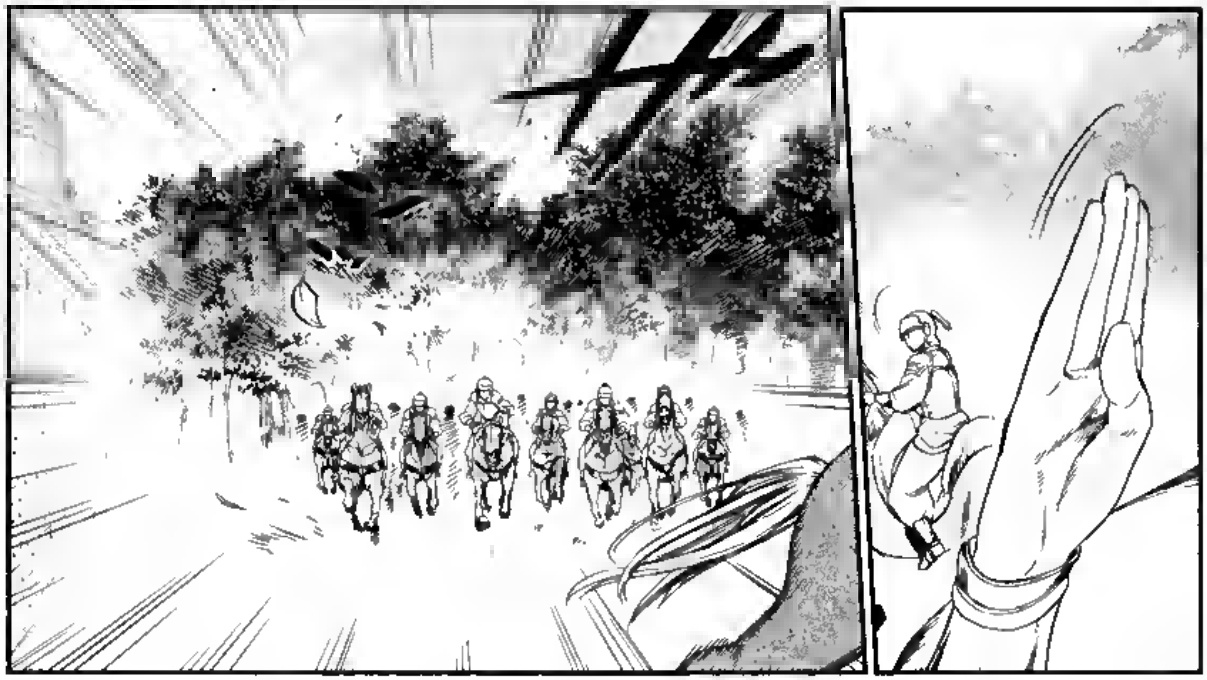

LOOK!
BOTH THEIR WINGS HAVE COLLAPSED!

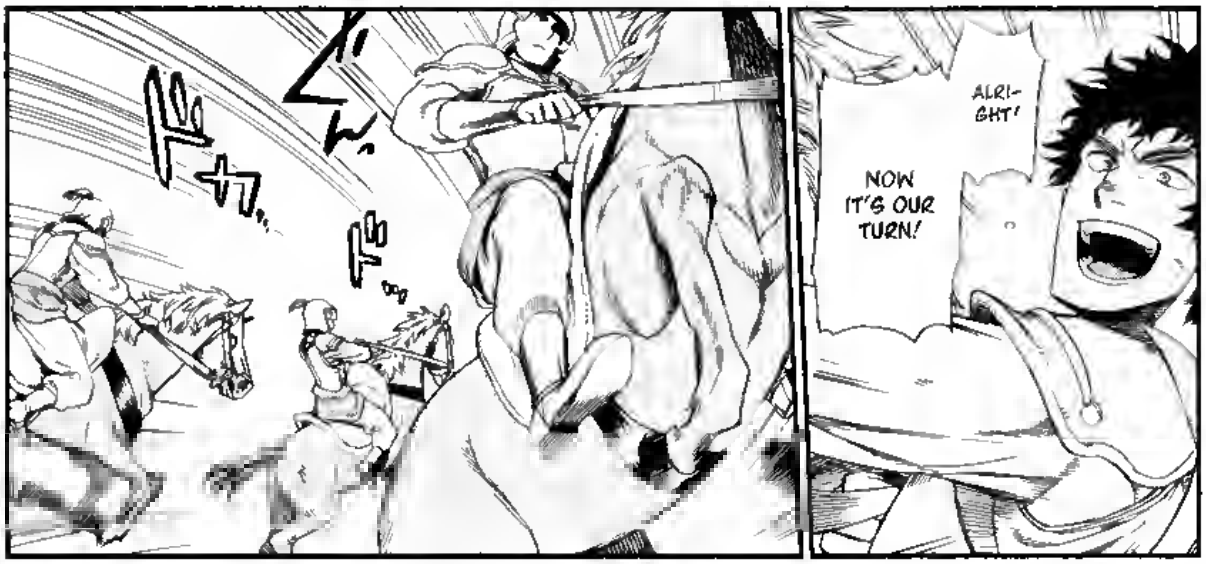
NOW!
ALL TROOPS, ENGAGE!
NOOO!!!


HT
!?
WHAT?
DON'T CHASE TOO FAR!!
SOUND THE RETREAT SIGNAL!
ALL TROOPS, RETREAT!

THE ENEMY IS MAKING THINGS FAR TOO EASY... WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...
IT'S JUST MY INTUITION, BUT .
W-WHAT'S WRONG, LUDICC!
ADVANCE!
THE VANGUARDS ARE ALREADY ON THE CHASE.
IMPOS-SIBLE...
SHOW YOUR VALOR!
DON'T MISS THIS OPPOR-TUNITY!

THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.
SLOWLY ADVANCE THE MAIN TROOPS.




ALRI-
GHT!
NOW
IT'S OUR
TURN!

T...
THIS
IS...
!?

*TECHNIQUE TO LURE THE ENEMY TO THEIR TRAP.

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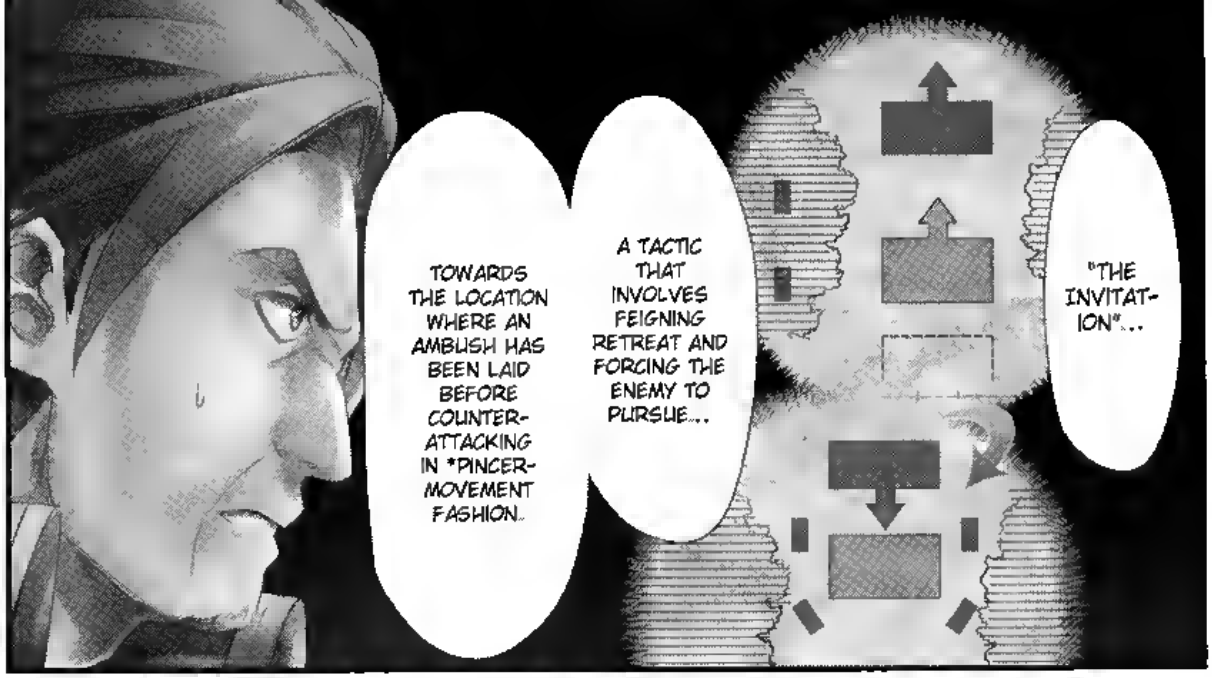
CHAPTER 28

THE ATTACK AND DEFENSE OF THE CAPITAL CITY (PART 2)


"THE INVITAT-ION"...
A TACTIC THAT INVOLVES FEIGNING RETREAT AND FORCING THE ENEMY TO PURSUE...
TOWARDS THE LOCATION WHERE AN AMBUSH HAS BEEN LAID BEFORE COUNTER-ATTACKING IN *PINCER-MOVEMENT FASHION.

*ATTACKING FROM THE FRONT AND THE BACK LIKE CLOSING PINCERS.

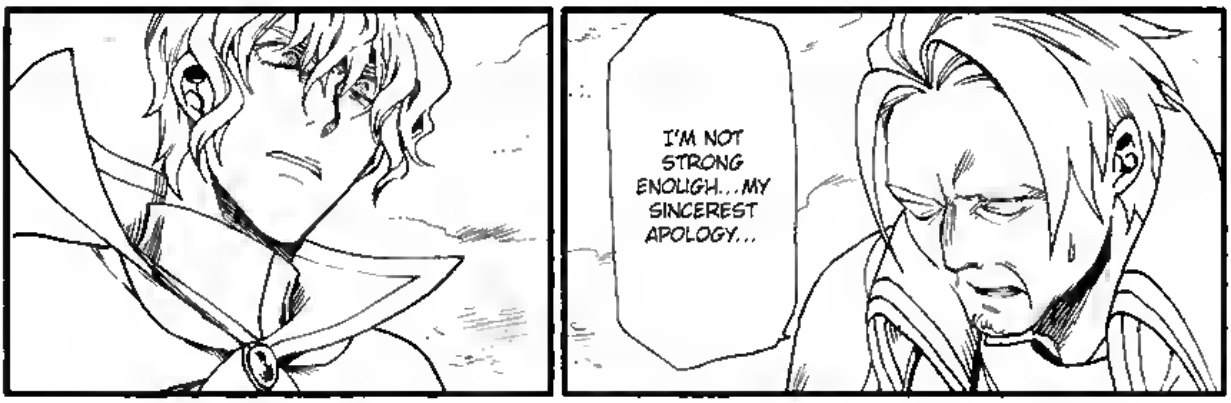
CHARGE!!
WE'LL BREAK THROUGH THEIR LINE AND RETREAT TOWARDS THE GATE!
THE ENEMY LINE THAT APPEARED FROM THE BACK IS THIN!!
!?
They're running with us!?

DAMN..
OUR PATH IS.
They won't even allow us to retreat, huh...

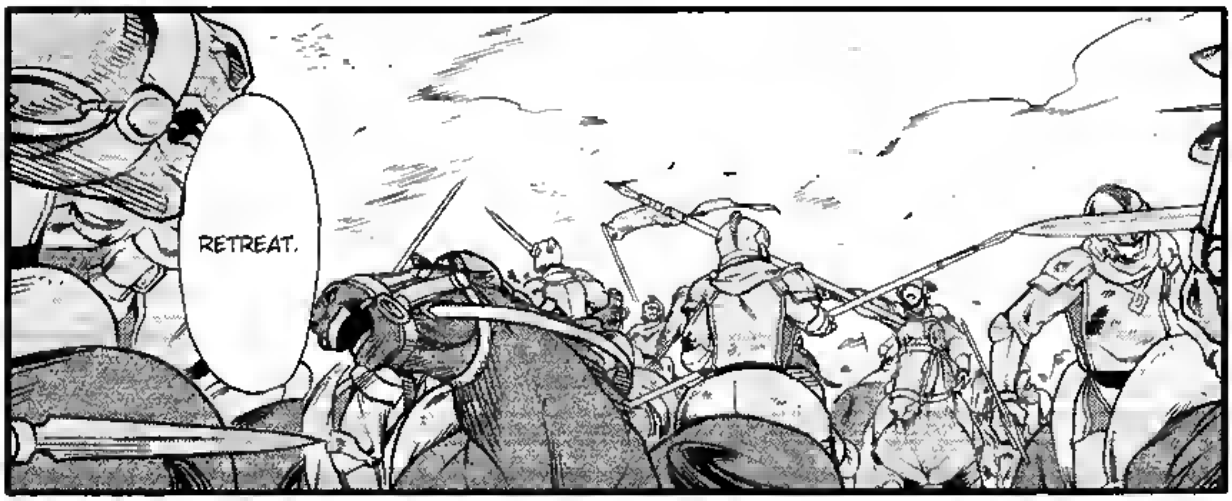
WH ...!?
WE CAN GET THROUGH NORTH-WEST!
YOUR MAJE-STY!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON THE CAPITAL CITY!
TO THE NORTH... ESCAPE TO HIS MAJESTY'S GREAT ARC CASTLE!

WHO WOULD YEARN FOR A KING WHO ABANDONS A COUNTRY THAT'S BEEN ENTRUSTED TO HIM!
NO !!!
LYDIA AND THE CITIZENS AND THE CASTLE ARE ALL MINE!
I AM THE KING!!!

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR FORMATION ANY LONGER!
B...BUT WE'RE ABOUT TO GET ANNIHI-LATED!


I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH...MY SINCEREST APOLOGY...

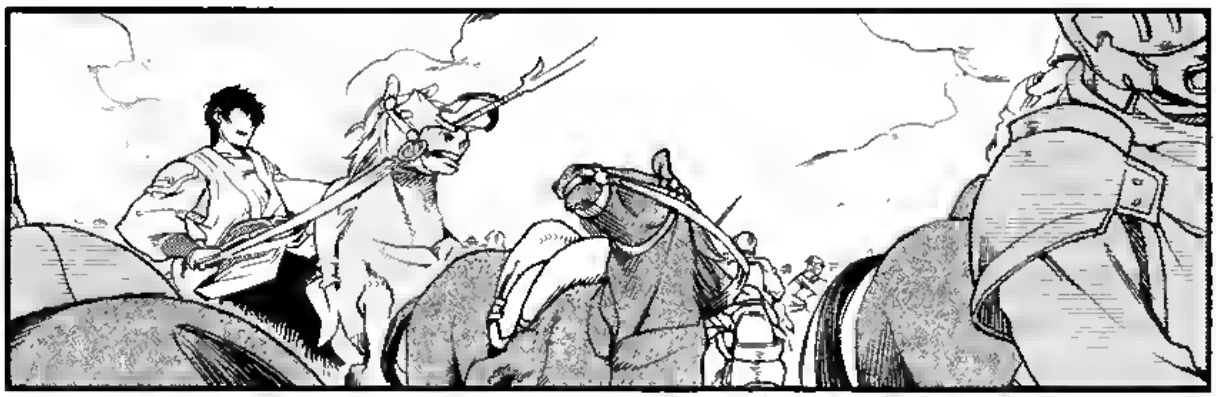
IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T TAKE YOUR ADVICE SERIOUSLY.
NO...


RETREAT.

RETREAT TO MY CASTLE!!
EVERY-ONE, TO THE GREAT ARC!
LET'S ESCAPE FOR NOW!
WE CAN'T GET TO THE GATE
LISTEN TO HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND!
CAN'T YOU HEAR!?
.....!?

W...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
WE ARE STILL AT WAR!!
ARE YOU ...

ARE YOU ABANDONING ME, THE KING!?



THEY HATE YOU, HUH!!
HEH.
My hands are...
Shaking...
I'LL BE TAKING YOUR HEAD!!

HEH...

NOT BAD, EH POPS?
SAPHIR'S TROOPS ARE AS EASY TO CUT AS PAPER, SO I THOUGHT THERE WEREN'T ANYONE BUT WEAKLINGS!
...DON'T GET COCKY, KID.

I'M ZARTS OF THE FIVE GENERALS OF THE IMPERIAL CITY.
THERE'S SO MANY THINGS GOING ON HERE THAT I'M FEELING PISSED ALREADY.
SO I'M GOING TO TAKE IT OUT ON YOU!!
His single attack was powerful and accurate.
Despite his age, I can see why he holds the title of a General.

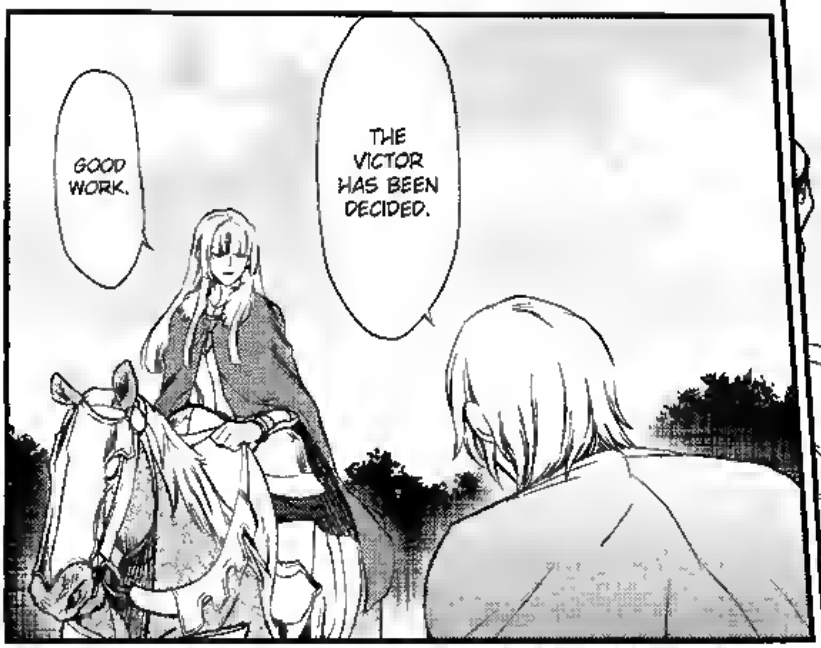
YOUR MAJESTY!?
YOUR MAJESTY! ESCAPE WHILE YOU CAN!!
He's not a guy I can take on while I'm watching over someone else
Is this it?

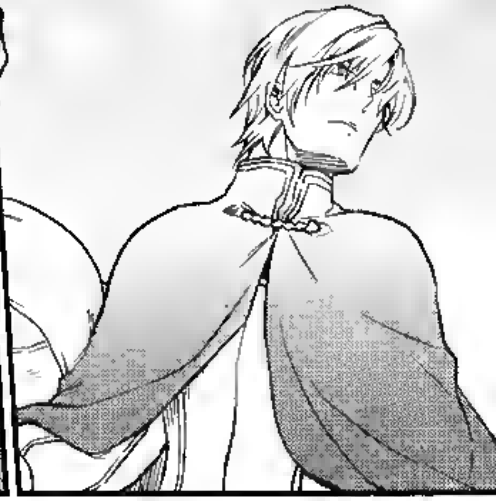
AH
BAST-
ARDS!
GET
OUT
OF
THE
WAY!
GENE-
RAL!
WE'LL
TAKE
OVER
FROM
HERE!
LEAVE
IT TO
US AND
HURRY
OFF!
PLEASE
LET US BE
OF SOME
USE.
IT'S BECAUSE
WE RESPECTED
AND FOLLOWED
YOU UNTIL
TODAY.
YOU
GUYS...

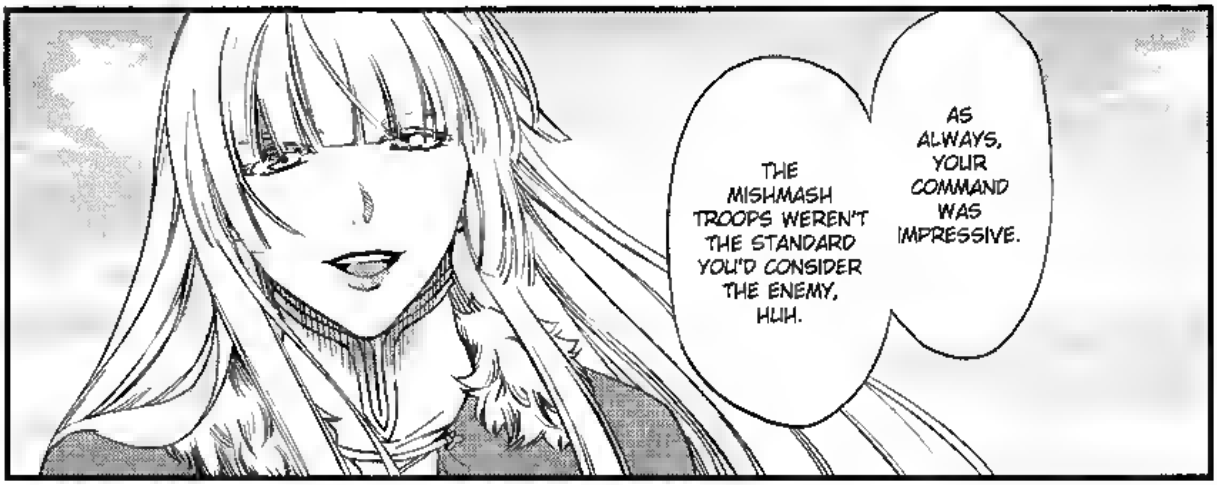
I'M SORRY!
I'M IN YOUR DEBT.
THEY...
.....
YOUR MAJE-STY!
I'M SURE YOU MUST BE FEELING...

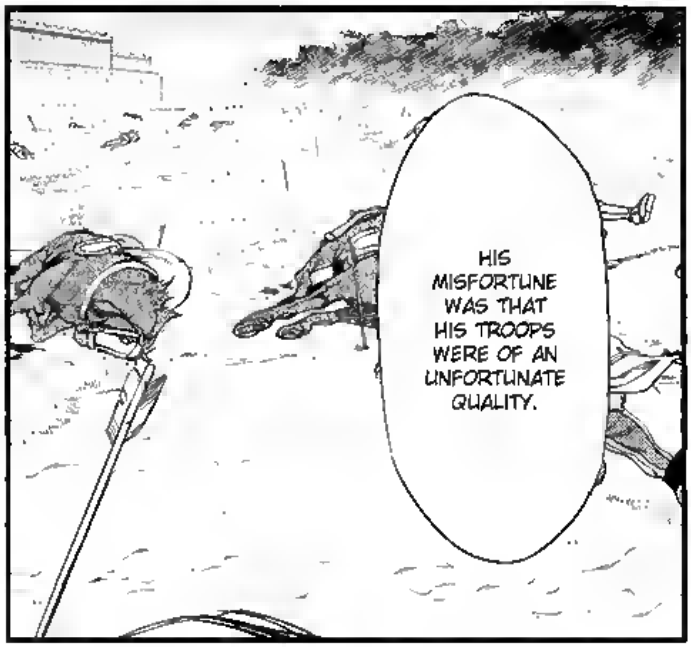
THEY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ME EVEN TILL NOW.
THEY WERE MY SUBORDINATES BACK WHEN I WAS STILL A CAPTAIN OF TEN MEN.
I SEE ...
PLEASE PRIORITIZE OUR ESCAPE FOR NOW.

Upon defeat, Saphir's alliance of nobles disbanded.
At that same moment, a great number of troops and nobles who were once with him left his side.


GOOD WORK.
THE VICTOR HAS BEEN DECIDED.

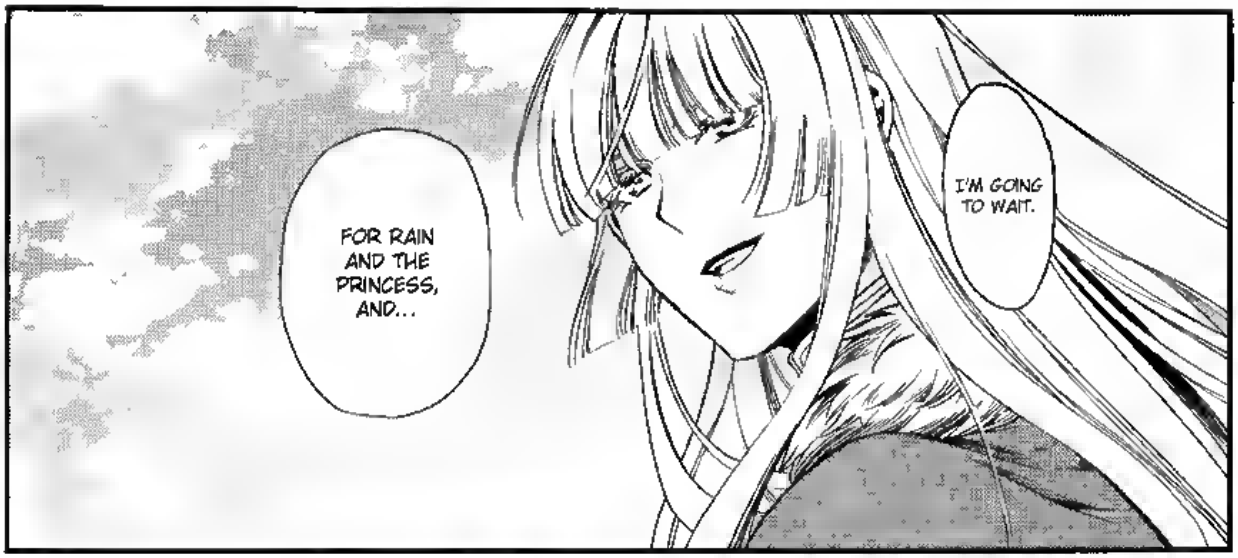



AS ALWAYS, YOUR COMMAND WAS IMPRESSIVE.
THE MISHMASH TROOPS WEREN'T THE STANDARD YOU'D CONSIDER THE ENEMY, HUH.

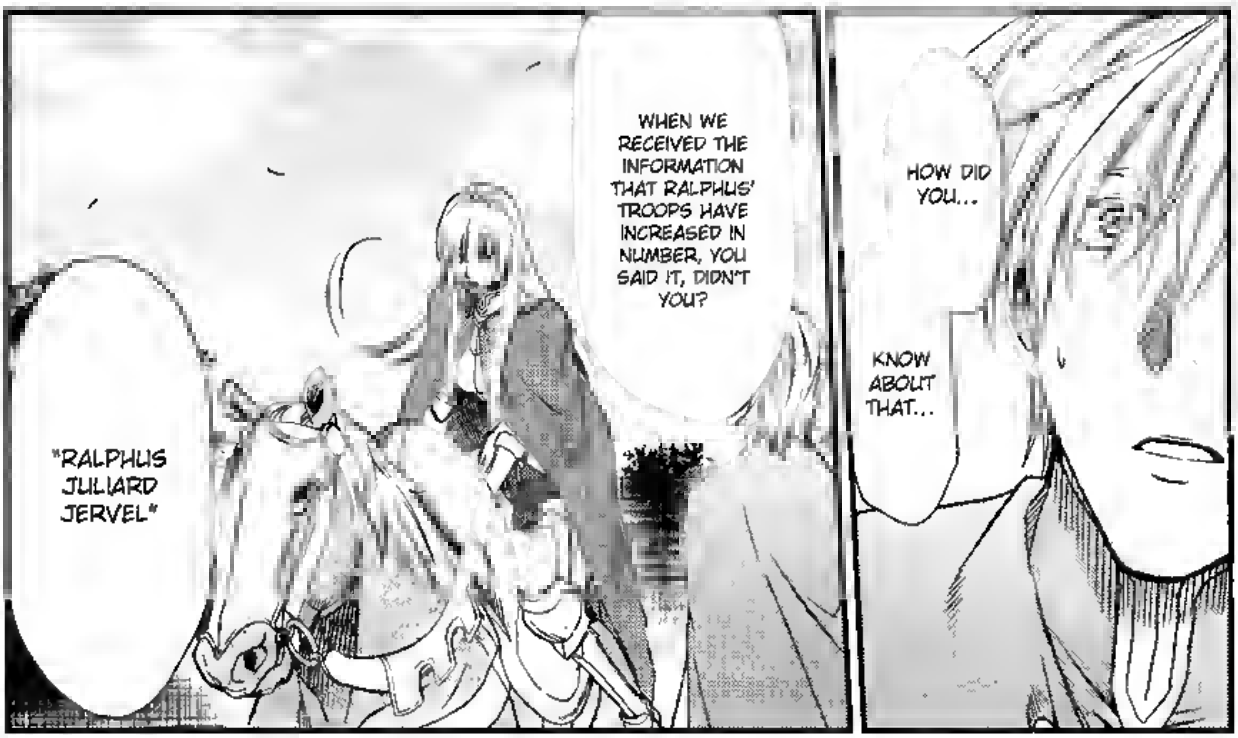

HIS MISFORTUNE WAS THAT HIS TROOPS WERE OF AN UNFORTUNATE QUALITY.

NO... THE ENEMY'S COMMANDER GAVE PRECISE ORDERS.

AN EASY SITUATION FOR US.
AT THIS TIME, THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS LEFT DEFENDING THE CITY WOULD PROBABLY BE FEW HUNDREDS AT MOST...
YOUR HIGHNESS... SHALL WE PAY A VISIT TO THE CAPITAL CITY?
DON'T TRY IT.
WHEN YOU CALLED ME "YOUR HIGHNESS" I'VE DECIDED THAT THIS IS NOT THE MOMENT I'M INTERESTED IN.
SPEAKING OF OCCUPATION, WE'RE ALREADY DONE, AREN'T WE?


FOR RAIN AND THE PRINCESS, AND...
I'M GOING TO WAIT.

RALPHUS.
YOUR DESCEN-DANT...


"RALPHUS JULIARD JERVEL"
WHEN WE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT RALPHUS' TROOPS HAVE INCREASED IN NUMBER, YOU SAID IT, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW DID YOU...
KNOW ABOUT THAT...

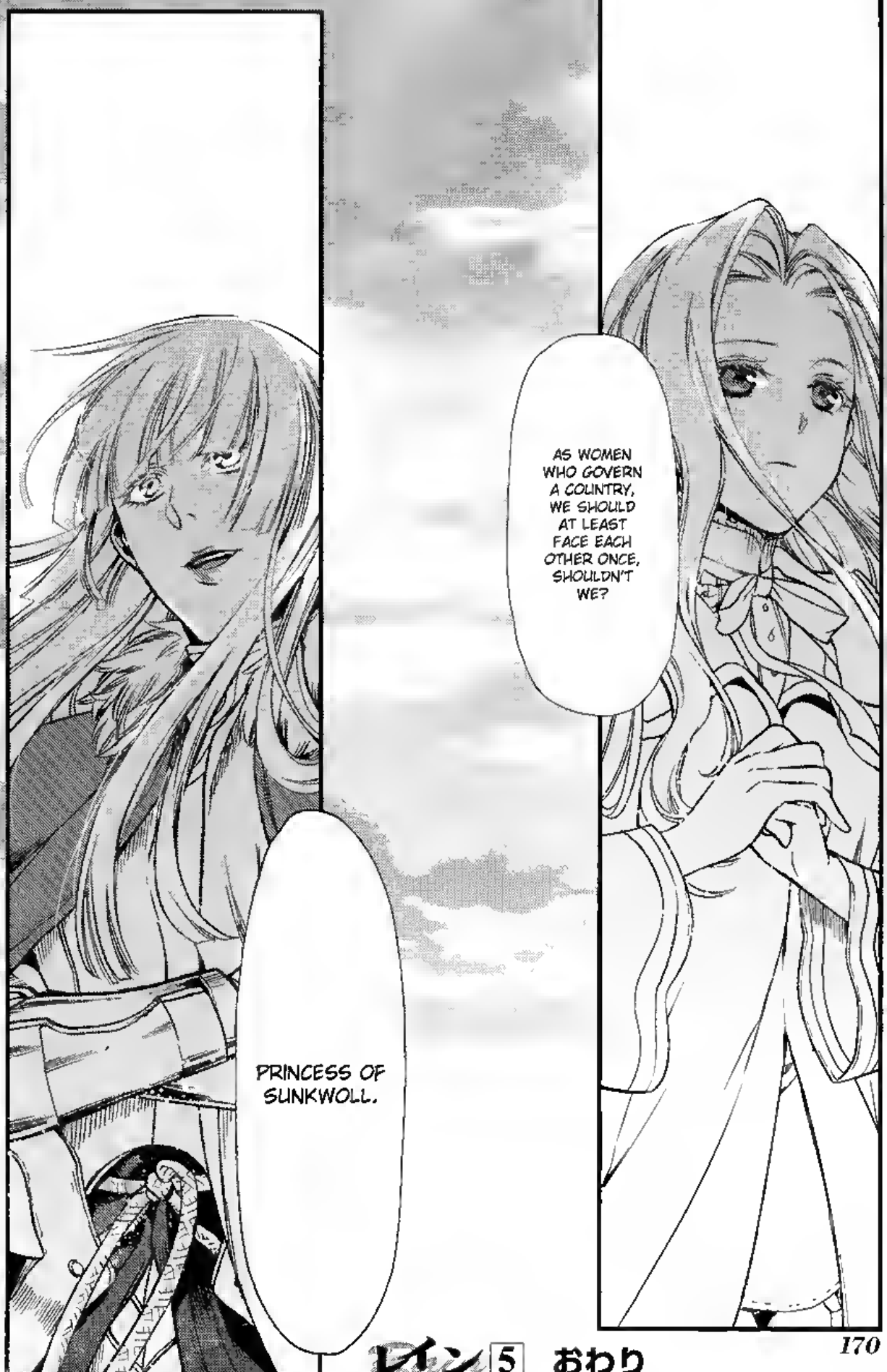
FOR YEARS NOW, BECAUSE OF MILITARY EXPLOITS, RALPHUS HAS BEEN GRANTED THE PERMISSION TO TAKE THE NAME OF "SUNKWOLL".
IT'S QUITE RARE FOR ANYONE TO CALL HIM BY THE SURNAME "JERVEL" NOW THAT HE HAS ESTABLISHED A SURNAME AFTER HIS COUNTRY.

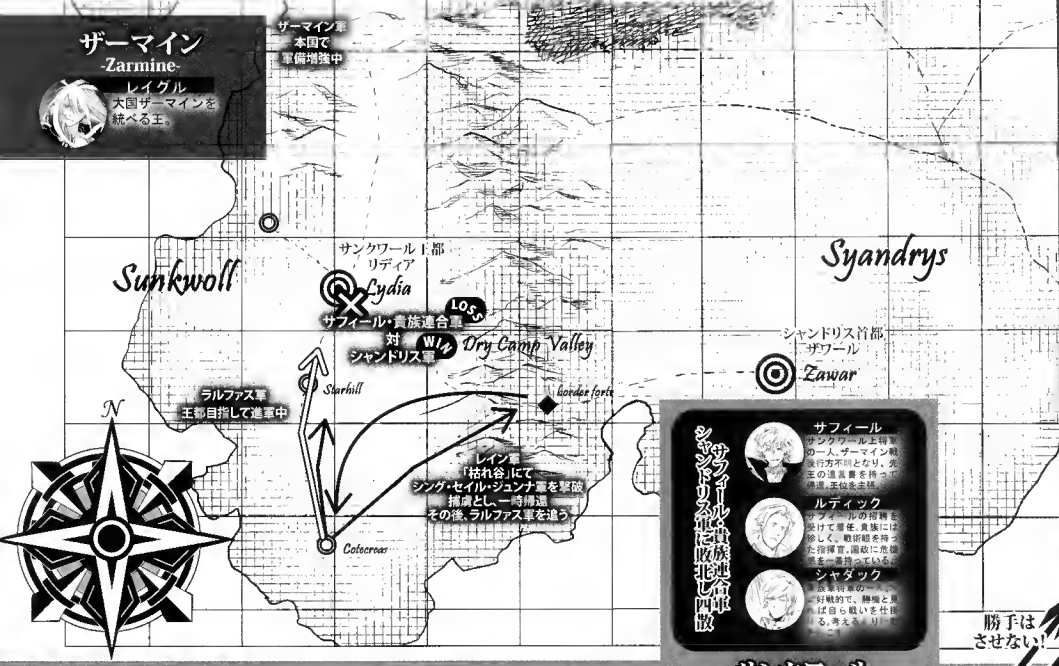
I WAS JUST MAKING GUESSES TO LURE YOU OUT.
YOU UNCONSCIOUSLY CALLED HIM BY THAT NAME...WAS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR PREVIOUS ATTACHMENTS TO THAT NAME?
OR WAS IT BECAUSE OF SOMETHING MORE FAMILIAR THAN JUST MERE COINCIDENCE IN HAVING THE SAME SURNAME?

I SEE.
WE DON'T EVEN RESEMBLE EACH OTHER.

YOU REALLY ARE A RELIABLE PERSON.
AT THE END OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE REST, EVEN WHEN YOU CHOSE WAR..
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO GO EASY EVEN IF THE ENEMY SHARES MY BLOOD.
BUT RALPHUS INHERITED YOUR POWERS, DIDN'T HE?
EVEN RAIN WOULD FIND IT A TROUBLE TO DO THIS BY HIMSELF.
THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM
I SEE.
EVEN THOUGH WE ARE RELATED BY BLOOD, THE THOUSANDS OF YEARS PARTITION WOULD HAVE FADED OUR SIMILARITIES ...
IT'S PROBABLY SO FAINT THAT RALPHUS HIMSELF DOESN'T KNOW.
EVEN IF OUR SPIRITUAL PRESSURES WERE SIMILAR, IT WOULDN'T MATCH.

It's too early to say...
The spiritual pressure that's closer to mine would actually be...
I'M CERTAIN THAT RAIN DESIRES PEACE.
RAIN, EH...
WHO WILL OUR OPPONENTS BE AND WHETHER A BATTLE WILL BREAK OUT OR NOT WOULD DEPEND ON THE OTHER PARTY.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TALKING TO A DOLL THAT SHE'S BEEN STICKING TO ALL THIS WHILE.
THE INTENTIONS REVEALED IN THE LETTER AND THE SIGNBOARD WERE ALL HIS.
BUT THE PERSON I SHOULD BE TALKING TO IS NOT HIM.


AS WOMEN WHO GOVERN A COUNTRY, WE SHOULD AT LEAST FACE EACH OTHER ONCE, SHOULDN'T WE?
PRINCESS OF SUNKWOLL.



フォルニーア
シャンドリスの皇帝。

ショウ
シャンドリスの大将軍。

シング
フォルニーアの臣下で、古参の将軍。レインに負けて、現在捕虜の身。

セイル
穏やかな見掛けの若き将軍で騎士、剣技や魔法を巧みに使いこなす。レインに負けて、現在捕虜の身。

ジュンナ
セイルの義妹。秘めた力が絶大な、天才魔法使い。レインに負けて、現在捕虜の身。

ザルツ
シャンドリスの将軍。ジュンナに滅法弱い。

シャンドリス
-Syandrys-

The Characters
ミュールゲニアの人々
of Murgenia

レイン
平民出のサンクワール上将軍で主人公。本人曰く「世界最強の男」らしい。

シェルファ
サンクワールの実質的次期君主。レインに好意を寄せる絶世の美少女。

ガサラム
かつて名を上げた騎士。過去にレインと関わりがあるらしいのだが…。

レ ニ
レインの副官で千人隊長。レインの行動によく頭痛を起こしている。

セノア
レインの副官で千人隊長。レインの行動によく頭痛を起こしている。

ギュンター
主に諜報や工作を担当する、レインの股肱の臣。常に苦い顔をしている。

セルフィー
見習い騎士の貴乏娘。レインの覇気を感じられる才能を持つ。ユーリと仲良し。

ユーリ
ザーマインの元間諜。激しい給金交渉の末、レインの仲間になる。天真爛漫な元気っ娘。

ミラン
忠実な騎士見習いで、陰の苦労人。実は所々で登場して活躍している。

レイン・ラルファス連合軍

ラルファス
サンクワール上将軍。建国祖の五家の一角。

グエン
ラルファスの副官。山賊のような容姿の巨漢。

ナイゼル
ラルファスの副官。物静かな騎士。

エレナ
名門貴族当主代行の高飛車少女。ラルファスへ一方的に好意を寄せている。

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